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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Joanne Doherty shared this photo of her five grandkids who recently took the boat launch M/V Mattapoissett



Iris after the rain on Water Street. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



The creek at Pine Island on Angelica Ave in Mattapoissett. Photo by Ruth A Griffin

On Friday May 15th the Marion Natural History Museum celebrated its 154th anniversary. Museum welcomed Callista Macpherson from the Buzzards Bay Coalition, who discussed the importance of salt marshes for our wildlife, flood storage, carbon storage and coastal infrastructure. The museum wishes to thank Calista for her interesting program. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine announced the graduation of 40 recruits from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Call/Volunteer Recruit Firefighter Training Program including (left photo) from Marion: Zachary Dewitt, Alyssa Hume-Hennessy, and Wayne Cash (right photo) From Mattapoissett: Joshua Burgo, Noah Motta, and Aven Beauchemin

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The Tradition Continues, Nearing A Century

By Michael J. DeCicco

The 92nd Annual Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race had a record-setting day on May 25 despite rain showers and gray skies.

For over nine decades, Tri-Town area boaters have raced in their home-built kayaks down 12 miles of the Mattapoissett River in a staggered race (each team departs every minute) from Grandma Harley's Reservoir off Snipatuit Road at 8:30 am, ending at the finish line at the Mattapoissett Herring Weir at Route 6 roughly two hours later.

Race Chairman Arthur Benner said the weather conditions were pretty good for the boaters this year. "It's not that rainy," he said. "If it was hot, it'd be pretty hard on 'em. This will work good for them."

The rain was getting heavy only as one of the first teams to finish appeared off the banks near the Mattapoissett herring run around 10:30 am to cheering spectators young and old. Ian and Eli MacGregor were both soaking wet as they pulled their kayak on shore. Ian's been a participant for 30 years, his younger brother Eli for 12 years. Ian has run the race for so long "because it's a lot of fun," he said. "It's a good workout, and I'm told it keeps you younger." Eli said the rain helped them with the race because it cools them down.

Soon afterwards, the boat their father paddled in came to shore. Peter MacGregor is 63 and said he has competed in the race 52 times. "Why participate for so many years?" he is asked. He answered simply, "Tradition."

Rochester Herring Inspector David Watling explained that tradition. He said the race started as a 4H Club project around 1934. Local boys who made their own kayaks with the help of the sawmills then in the area started racing them down the Mattapoissett River. The practice grew until taken over by the Rochester's Men Association and then the Rochester Fire Association, which currently sponsors the event.

On the Cover: Boat #3, helmed by the MacGregor brothers: Eli of Rochester and Ian of Acushnet, seen coming down the Mattapoissett River just before crossing the line and finishing 2nd in the Open Division section of the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race this past Monday. Photo by Michael J. DeCicco

Al Hammerman of Rochester, who said he has competed in the race for around 15 years, noted that participating in the race takes, "skill, stamina and being maniacal – a maniac."

"It looks like last year's winner is this year's winner," Benner said as all the boats started reaching the end of the race.

The final results released later that day confirmed this prediction. Benner reported that first-place winners, sister and brother Rebecca and Alex Milde from Mattapoissett, won both the overall race with a time of 1:59:22 and the Co-Ed Division as they did in the 2025 race, taking home the Russ Lawrence Memorial trophies for first place in the race and the Co-ED Division. The MacGregors placed second, with a time of 1:59:55. Receiving recognition for 26 consecutive races starting in 2001 was Matthew Buckley of Mattapoissett, racing with his partner Peter MacGregor of Rochester, finishing eighth this time around with a time of 2:07:43.

Benner said Katelyn Watling, age 10, and her father William D. Watling III of Rochester, won third place

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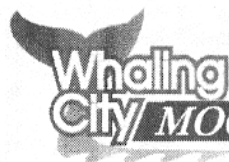
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overall and the Parent/Child Division award (with a time of 2:02:28). This was their third consecutive win in this division. In addition to the overall third-place trophies and the first-place Parent/Child Division trophies, they were presented plaques that recognize their consecutive wins in 2024, 2025 and 2026. The Old Man River plaque, for the oldest finisher in the race not having received it in a prior year, went to Gifford Lawrence, age 74 of Rochester, racing with his granddaughter Krissey Varbero, age 10 of Mattapoisett, finishing 34th.

Memorial Day in Mattapoisett

By Marilou Newell

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support one another in a ceremony meant to enliven memories of those fellow townspeople who have left this plane of reality to a journey we will all take one day. But moreover, for now, they came to say "thank you."

On May 25, Center School once again was the venue as the community gathered for Memorial Day.

The agenda featured the angelic voices of the Showstoppers who in perfect harmony sang spirited renditions of *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *America the Beautiful*, and others.

The speakers included guest Rear ADM (ret) Cashman who invited the attendees to reflect on President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Lincoln drew inspiration for that speech from the ancient Greek statesman Pericles. Pericles believed a democratic society was based in part on the notion that people needed to gather and collectively forge consensus through debate and that they must gather to remember and give praise to those who have gone before because, "time passes quickly" Cashman said we must remember sacrifices made on our behalf and "that the secret to real freedom is to have a brave heart."

Also speaking was Select Board member Jodi Baur. Baur said unlike festivities that will be taking place around the country as America celebrates its semiquincentennial, Memorial Day is a day of reflection, for "those heroic men and women who served in our armed forces and fought to give us the freedoms we enjoy today." She went on to say, "The best way we honor the fallen is by living worthy of their sacrifice, by strengthening our communities, treating one another with dignity and protecting the freedoms they died defending."

Others who spoke briefly were Representative Mark Sylvia, Veteran Ray Hanks who

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spoke of the renovation work taking place at the Hammond Cemetery, and Chaplin Micheal Frady whose prayers gave solemnity to the ceremony and reverence to the fallen.

'Tender' Memories Matter Most

Tabor Academy Co-Head of School Senior Address

By Vince White '26

Thank you, Mr. Jaccaci. And good morning, Class of '26, Tabor community, families, faculty, and alumni.

As many of you know, I am standing here today for one simple reason: chicken tenders.

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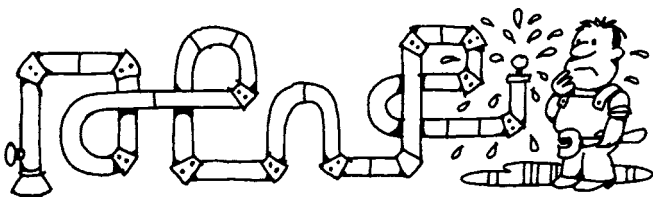


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The things that end up mattering most are the things you don't anticipate. They are the small, unremarkable shared moments that make up most of your lives that you almost never notice and usually forget by the end of the day. After years of being a student, I have been in the same conversation hundreds of times. Three more weeks until spring break. I need to survive until the weekend. When is Vince going to get this speech over with?

We are always somewhere else in our heads, waiting for the next thing. But the thing about living in the future is that you miss everything happening right now. Think about a road trip. Nobody frames a photo of the highway. Nobody remembers the gas station or the bad Wi-Fi or the arguments about where to stop for food. But a few years from now, those are the things you laugh about. The destination was just the excuse to take the trip.

The championships, the awards, the college acceptances—those were the destinations. But now consider the road getting here. The late nights with friends, the Tender Tuesdays, the Macbeth performance. That was the actual trip.

So how do you stop staring out the window and letting time pass? Be grateful. Gratitude is not just a feeling you get when life is going well. It is a deliberate choice. All the planning, the worrying, the waiting—it all goes quiet the second you stop and appreciate something. The amount of beauty in your life is dependent on whether you choose to notice it.

I am extremely grateful for the people that have been on this road with me for years. You were there for the late nights and the early mornings and the Tender Tuesdays. You will spend years of your life trying to find people who share these experiences with you. And right now, they are sitting right next to you.

So before you look forward to whatever is waiting for you after this—and it is going to be great—take one second to be here, really here. Take a look around and appreciate how far you've come and the people who have helped you get here.

Congratulations, Class of '26. We have shared the past, we are sharing this moment, and we will live on in each of our future beginnings. Thank you.

First Time for Everything

Tabor Academy Co-Head of School Senior Address

By Chloe Fox '26

Thank you, Vince (White, co-head of school). I am so lucky to have worked with you this year and will truly treasure our friendship forever.

Good morning, faculty, family, friends, and the

Class of 2026. My name is Chloe Fox.

I think for most of high school, I believed that growing up meant eventually feeling like you knew what you were doing. I imagined that by senior year, we would have everything figured out. That one day, I would wake up confident, experienced, and completely prepared for life. And now that we are finally here, I think we can all admit that that is not true at all. Because if high school taught us anything, it is that life never stops giving us first times.

During the past four years, we've all experienced so many things for the first time. The first time you had to introduce yourself in a room where you knew nobody. The first time getting lost in the Acky. The first time failing a test you studied so hard for, and the first time realizing you could bounce back from failure. The first time staying up way too late convincing yourself you could somehow finish



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And beyond academics, there were bigger firsts too. The first steps you took towards living on your own. The first time you sailed on a boat like the Tabor Boy. The first moment you realized that someone believed in you before you believed in yourself. And the first of many friendships at Tabor that brought so much joy.

On the first day of my freshman year here at Tabor, my good friend Mavis was wearing a romper that was a bit too long. She tripped on the fabric and face-planted, but jumped right back up after her fall and filled the awkward what-just-happened silence with laughter. This was the first laugh we shared together in the first moment of our friendship.

Looking back, that moment feels like a great representation of high school itself. Every year here, we became beginners again. Just when we finally thought we understood something—whether it was academics, friendships, or ourselves—life handed us something completely new. That's what makes high school so strange, but also so valuable. Tabor taught us that unfamiliarity leads to growth.

This incredible environment nurtured our curiosity and encouraged us to learn through every experience. There were always new perspectives to consider, new people to learn from, and new experiences waiting to change the way we think. There were new first days, uncomfortable moments that built resilience, and new challenges that pushed us further than we had expected.

We came to the school as new students stepping into unfamiliar territory, and over time, without noticing, we became the people sitting here today. People shaped by what we have learned and excited for what comes next.

Even after we graduate, there will be more firsts. Maybe next year you pick up a hacky sack for the first time. Maybe you travel the world. And maybe you create Tender Tuesdays wherever you land next, because some traditions are just too good to leave behind.

Whatever it is, I urge you to embrace being a beginner. Some of us might feel afraid of what our futures



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hold—new people, new routines, new expectations. But if the past four years have proven anything, it is that we know how to begin. As we leave Tabor and step into the unfamiliar, please keep in mind that some of the best parts of our lives started as firsts.

It has been my true honor to serve as the co-head of school for the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you to all of the family, faculty, and friends that supported us in our journey here at Tabor. A special thank you to my parents and my twin brother, Andrew, for being by my side from the beginning—truly the best first of all. And shout out Big Mike.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026. It has truly been the most memorable four years. Thank you.

A Tale of Two Cemeteries

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Note: Although written during Memorial Day weekend, this column is less about public commemoration than personal reflection - shaped by visits to two very different cemeteries; one historic and world-famous, the other intimate and deeply familial.

Sometimes the overlooked graves, obscured with ivy and weeds, are the most interesting. These were my thoughts as I wandered through Père Lachaise Cemetery, the largest cemetery in Paris and the most visited necropolis in the world, attracting some 3.5 million

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Finding it, however, is no simple task in such a vast and winding place. But the journey itself is part of the pleasure, with each turn revealing another variation on the cemetery's timeless themes of memory, art, and decay. Having neglected to pick up a map, I relied instead on a more informal method of navigation: waiting until I heard an American speak.



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It did not take long. Soon I was pointed in the right direction, though the route still seemed to require a mathematical genius - which I most certainly am not - to navigate its labyrinthine paths.

Père Lachaise Cemetery is organized into 97 numbered divisions spread across 110 acres of hilly, cobblestoned terrain. Designed in the style of an English landscape garden, it is a place of winding, tree-lined avenues, hidden corners and elaborate mausoleums. Traditional graves, family tombs and a central columbarium are woven into a carefully planned layout that somehow still feels delightfully labyrinthine to the wandering visitor.

Père Lachaise stood as the inaugural grand garden necropolis, serving as the definitive archetype for the landscaped burial grounds that emerged across the Western world in the 1800s. During the reign of Napoleon Bonaparte, the state assumed authority over interments, championing the revolutionary concept that every individual - irrespective of their faith or rank in society - was entitled to a respectable final rest within a setting of profound beauty.

Initially, local residents were hesitant to seek interment so distant from the city center in soil not sanctified by the church. This changed through a strategic effort to relocate the remains of luminaries like Molière and Jean de La Fontaine, along with creating a tomb for Abelard and Héloïse (look them up as theirs is an

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interesting story) - rapidly establishing the site as a fashionable destination. While its first year saw a mere 13 burials, that figure surged to nearly 30,000 in a quarter-century; ultimately, the cemetery became the resting place for more than a million souls.

Many visitors arrive with maps in hand, navigating directly to the graves of notable figures buried there. To name but a few: Honore de Balzac, Sarah Bernhardt, Bizet, Chopin, Olivia de Havilland, Modigliani, Edith Piaf, Marcel Proust, Gertrude Stein, Oscar Wilde, Richard Wright; not to mention scientists, philosophers, and historical figures as well as ordinary people. In fact, my daughter and son-in-law recently attended a memorial service there. So, though it does still



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take burials, only if you lived or died in Paris, there is a waiting list as burial sites are few and far between. Still, I noticed workers excavating a new one during my visit.

The cemetery rewards a less structured approach to exploring. Much like The Louvre, it is impossible to absorb everything in a single visit. Beyond a handful of celebrated sites, some of the most memorable discoveries come from simply wandering its cobblestone avenues and encountering overlooked corners, weathered monuments and unexpected scenes along the way.

Here you will find a range of architecture, where the ancient and the modern often stand side by side. As I maneuvered its pathways - what with the up and down and cobblestones it can be dicey - I found myself wondering about the many tombs that resemble small telephone booths or miniature chapels. Were they designed simply as monuments, or as places where grieving visitors could briefly step inside for privacy and reflection?

Some graves appear polished and almost new, while others are so weathered by time that the names have nearly disappeared beneath moss and lichen. Fresh bouquets sit beside faded flowers long past their prime, along with plastic arrangements and hardy miniature evergreens meant to withstand the seasons.

Without the shade of the old trees and the softer greenery woven throughout the grounds, the cemetery might feel almost gothic - a landscape crowded with stone monuments, statues and crosses that at times evoke the atmosphere of a Dracula novel. At one point, a black crow passed me on the path, giving me a momentary start.

The juxtaposition of old and new has a great vibe. After passing a row of Victorian-era tombs suddenly I was struck with a fully modern one. The grave belongs to still-living French photographer Andre Chabot and bears a camera on its frontispiece. After some research I found that he has photographed 700 cemeteries and has more than 195,000 images of them! His tomb has a large camera facing out and there is even a QR code on the outside that takes you to a link about the creations he has in the cemetery. Talk about personalizing your future resting place!

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As I wandered in search of Morrison's grave, I happened upon the shiny granite slab that marks the remains of the author Colette. What a coincidence that I was reading one of her books (*My Mother's House*) on this vacation. I eventually found the singer's grave, marked by a cornucopia of flowers, candles, photographs and personal notes - not to mention a maraca. By far, it is the cemetery's most colorful resting place, transformed daily by the offerings of devoted fans. It's impossible to not feel the spirits somehow in this cemetery at rest with bird song, beautiful sunshine and greenery, and closing them here for eternity. Like many older cemeteries, Père Lachaise Cemetery has evolved into an unexpected urban refuge for wildlife. Improved environmental practices have helped create a surprisingly rich ecosystem, where orchids and cyclamen grow among the graves and foxes, tawny owls and dozens of bird species now thrive.

From the grand scale of Père Lachaise Cemetery, my thoughts shifted closer to home and to a far more personal landscape: the family plots at St. Mary's Cemetery in Uxbridge, Mass. Over the weekend, accompanied by my parents, I returned to the graves of relatives I had not visited in several years. The visit became less about history in the grand sense and more about family memory - a quiet reconnection with my father's side of the family. We walked the hilly grounds together, me trying to record locations for posterity while my parents recalled names, dates and stories attached to each stone. Some belonged to relatives I never knew, including my great-great-grandparents and "Coica," who died when I was only a year old, yet who somehow continues to live on through stories told by my father.

Not only does my father remember our own relatives, he seems to be familiar with many who rest here. As we walked, he recounted stories about families, local characters and former mill owners whose elaborate mausoleums still dominate parts of the cemetery. "This cemetery looks like something out of a Hollywood movie," I remarked while taking in the sloping entrance lined with mature trees. "It was," my mother quickly replied. The cemetery served as the opening funeral scene in *Oliver's Story*, the sequel to *Love Story*.



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Our hour-long visit became more than a walk through a cemetery; it unfolded as a tour through my father's memories of Uxbridge itself. Along the way came stories of where my parents attended prom, roads where local boys once rode their bicycles, rivers where my father hunted and fished, remnants of old mills and the country road where my great-grandfather farmed and owned land. In many ways, the landscape and the memories seemed inseparable.

There is much to be said about places like cemeteries. We often overlook them, even though they surround us everywhere. Yet the feeling they evoke is difficult to fully describe - a quiet sense of peace, reflection and, ultimately, contentment. In many ways, a

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Thoughts on...

Naps, Pownaps and Politics
By Dick Morgado

Here we are a week after the town election and two weeks have passed since the annual Town Meeting and there is nary a whisper of controversy brewing.

The annual gathering of those voters who pay attention whizzed through early articles in record time.

There are three possible reasons for this. One is everything is okay, functioning perfectly, and all is copacetic. Two, voters are sick of politics and wanted to get home as soon as possible to watch the three-hour finale of American Idol, or three, everyone was in a hurry to get to the free meal the town put on afterward in the school cafeteria. (I made the last one up, but I bet you wished for a second you had attended.) A \$36 million plus budget passed with little debate.

The annual town election followed a week later, and 1774 registered voters exercised their right of self-governance. That number would be about 30 percent of all eligible voters. Put another way, 4200 people stayed home. (Two more voters and we could have said the election commemorated the birth of our nation. If we had held a UFC Fight like the one planned at the White House, maybe more registered voters would have turned out.) This was the first election since voters increased the selectboard to five members. To many observers of town politics, it was a pleasant surprise to have six candidates running for three positions. Alas, there were still nine other uncontested races. Oh well.

There may be a few signs still around, but an eerie silence has settled in at the Town Hall. The winners have been sworn in and there are no apparent controversies brewing, no personality conflicts have arisen, and no fisticuffs have erupted. According to my confidential mole there are no signs of corruption or under-the-table deals

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being made. What's a muck-raking investigative reporter supposed to do? Even Abner Harlow, former Town Clerk and resident Town Hall ghost has been quiet. He must be taking a long nap.

Speaking of naps, our insomniac commander-in-chief whose name escapes me, who spends his nights posting humorous videos to entertain the world, is known to take a nap or two during the day. These naps seem to occur unexpectedly during important meetings, usually when someone else is talking. Well, you go Buddy! I am all in favor of a good nap. I have attended my share of meetings where a good doze was called for. He calls it multi-tasking. Being able to take a short powernap and ignore all around you is a talent and a powerful tool for a



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busy chief executive.

I find the need for a nap is becoming more and more frequent. The big guy and I are the same age, so I understand how important it is for him to get his rest. I don't have insomnia, but I generally seem to need a nap in the late morning and sometimes another in the afternoon. If I am reading a book, it is all but guaranteed I will be asleep in twenty minutes.

Getting back to more important local issues. I suggested in an earlier column that now with five selectpersons they might have to take down a wall in the conference room and purchase a longer table to accommodate the new members. Rumor has it that instead of renovations (nobody listens to me anyway),

selectboard meetings may be moving from the historic Town Hall to the bigger fire station meeting room, an appropriate venue considering the possibility of heated discussions and fiery debates over many hot topics.

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

Washington and the Congress

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in New England and the northern Thirteen Colonies. Last week, the occupying Continental Army in Canada faced another defeat as it becomes clearer that holding Montreal is untenable, let alone capturing Quebec. General George Washington set out a system of signals for New York City to warn of encroaching Royal Navy ships, as the general himself departed for Philadelphia to speak to the Continental Congress. More are calling for full independence, both on the ground and in the seats of government.

On May 24, 1776, Washington arrives in Philadelphia. At the time, it is the largest city in the colonies by population. There, he meets with delegates from the Continental Congress and discusses the unfolding and widening war. The major discussion, however, is Canada. The delegates and Washington agree the men in Canada should fortify along the Saint Lawrence River and block the British advance. With warming temperatures, more British troops are arriving in Quebec and the delegates say the Continental Army must "contest every foot of the ground with the enemies to these colonies."

Washington writes to Major General John Thomas, commanding officer of the men in Quebec, acknowledging the failures to take the city as, "this unfortunate affair has given a sad shock to our schemes." He also adds, "retreat is almost inevitable," but asks for a "good stand" to protect the northern front of the war. He says, "The lower down you can maintain a stand the more advantageous it will be," meaning to block



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movement down and along the river further to the south. He finishes, "This misfortune must be repaired."

The next day, the general again attends a meeting of the congress, speaking to the whole congregation at the State House, now known as Independence Hall. The congress appoints John Adams of Massachusetts (future President), Benjamin Harrison V of Virginia (father and great-grandfather to two future Presidents), Major General Horatio Gates of England, and Thomas Mifflin of Pennsylvania to a committee to work directly with Washington in order to "concert a plan of military operations for the ensuing campaign."

While Washington remains in Phila, Major General Philip Schuyler writes on May 26 from Fort George, New York. He warns of insufficient manpower in Canada whom are also facing "difficulties for want" of supplies. He states he is working to muster up more men, but requests more weapons and arms be sent up posthaste.

That same day, the Great Barrington, Sheffield, and Canaan Committees for Safety write to Washington from the Berkshires. They have conducted investigations as to the loyalty of various persons accused of treason; of which Philip Schuyler is one. The committees say they "took all those methods they could devise to find out the sentiments of the general." Though they add, "it is with great pleasure we are able to acquaint your Excellency - that their suspicions respecting him were wholly

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groundless."

On May 27, twenty-one delegates of the Six Nations of the Iroquois (or the Haudenosaunee Confederacy) arrive in Philadelphia. For the next month, they will stay in the city, observe the congress, and watch military exercises and parades as the Americans try to secure new allies. In one of the meetings they attended, they received a warm welcome whereupon at the end of the meeting, an Onondage chief requested and was granted permission to give President Hancock an Indian name: Karanduawn, or, "the great tree."

On May 29, working-class artisans and laborers on New York sign the "New York Mechanics Declaration of Independence," pressuring the New York Provisional

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Congress to declare the colony's formal independence. It begins, "When we cast a glance upon our beloved continent, where fair freedom, civil, and religious, we have long enjoyed, whose fruitful field have made the world glad, and whose trade has filled with plenty of all things, sorrow fills our hearts to behold her now struggling under the heavy load of oppression, tyranny, and death." In pushing the local government, they also knowingly pressure the united government in Philadelphia, as the finish, "We - hereby publicly declare that, should you, gentlemen of the honorable Provincial Congress, think proper to instruct our most honorable Delegates in Continental Congress to use their utmost endeavors in that august assembly to cause these United Colonies to become independent of Great Britain, it would give us the highest satisfaction; and we hereby sincerely promise to endeavor to support the same with our lives and fortunes."

On May 30, Benjamin Franklin finally return from his two-month long trip to Montreal. This would be his first diplomatic mission, and though he had just recently celebrated his 70th birthday, his government service was nowhere near over.

Rochester Town Election

Rochester School Committee Candidate Spotlights

Editor's Note: Four candidates, incumbent Katherine Duggan and challengers Barbara Lee, Isabel Gomes-McCann

and Stacie Noble Shriver, are running for two open seats for three-year terms on the Rochester School Committee. The Wanderer invited candidates in all contested races in Tri-Town municipal elections to submit statements on their candidacy. Below are the responses.

Katherine Duggan

My name is Kate Duggan, and I'm asking for your vote for a third term on the Rochester Memorial School Committee.

I've lived in Rochester for over 16 years with my husband and our two children, who both attend RMS. As a former Chair of the Rochester Cultural Council, longtime PTO member, and regular volunteer in the school building, I'm deeply invested in our community and our school's success.

Over six years on the School Committee, I've learned what effective service in this role looks like. This past year, my first as Chair, we faced unprecedented budget pressures driven largely by extraordinary special education costs. Through collaborative work with the Select Board, Finance Committee, and school administration, we navigated these challenges while protecting what matters most: our students and the educators who serve them. I'm committed to continuing to work with all stakeholders as partners, not adversaries, to solve problems together.

Looking ahead, my priorities include ensuring adequate and appropriately distributed staffing so our educators can give students the attention they deserve; improving transparency about our budget so the community understands both our challenges and our achievements; continuing to center the student voice by inviting them to share their learning at School Committee meetings; and advocating at the state level for funding reforms that more equitably support small districts like Rochester.

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their professionalism, advocate for the resources they need, and make decisions with student needs in mind, just like they do. I bring experience, collaborative leadership, and unwavering commitment to Rochester students, and with your vote I will continue advancing the interests of Rochester Memorial School for the next three years.

Barbara Lee

My name is Barbara Lee, I am a mother of two children in the Rochester school system and we are proud to call Rochester our home for nearly five years. I've grown to know many of the parents, residents, and teachers of the town through volunteering my time between the local Cub Scouts, PTO events, and the RMS School Council. In addition to the community involvement, I am employed at one of the top Retirement companies with over 25 years of customer service experience, majority being in financial operations.

With my financial background, I intend to focus on the budgets and expenses, keeping the residents in mind. In addition to budget concerns, recent events have made residents highly aware of current policies in place with little transparency. I strongly feel, with the right





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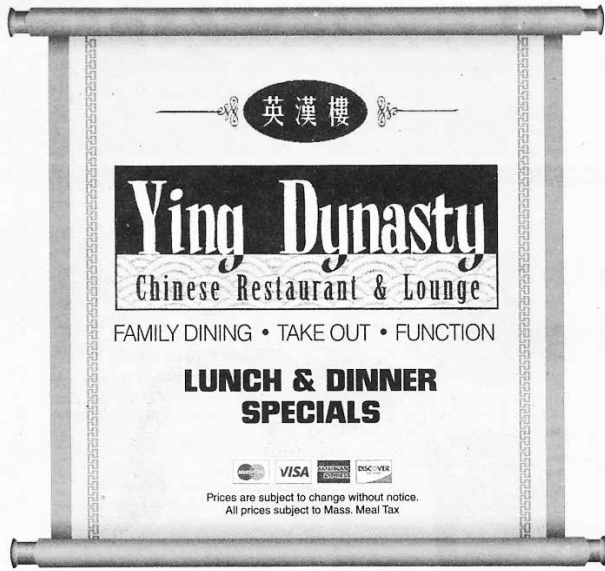
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representatives, we can come up with a compromise where everyone feels heard, safe, and supported. If I am fortunate enough to be elected, I will continue serve the town of Rochester by being a representative who listens and shares the community's voice on school issues and financial obligations.

One of the most important roles of a school committee member is being able to listen to concerns, relate with the residents/parents, as well as try to use their resources to be able to problem solve possible solutions. I respectfully ask for your support and would appreciate your vote on May 27th.



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Isabel Gomes-McCann

Thirty years ago, my husband and I chose Rochester. My children grew up in these schools starting in Project Grow. After 20 years of working in molecular biology both academia and biotech, I left my job to stay home. The flexibility meant I could volunteer in the school district — and I did for 19 years. Rochester's schools shaped my kids. I want to protect what is great about them while moving into the future.

A school committee has three core jobs: budget, personnel, and policy. I believe I'm ready for each one.



Stacie Noble-Shriver

Our children only get one education. Recently surfaced problems at RMS have not been handled well by the current leadership. Parents should never feel unheard when it comes to their children's education and safety. I'm Stacie Noble Shriver, MS, MD, and I'm running to be your next RMS School Committee member. I'm here to advocate for the Rochester Memorial School Committee to help us get back on track making education the main thing. Children need a stable emotional environment. Teachers need to know that



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they are not going to be penalized for standing for their values. Teachers need to know we will be responsible in balancing the budget without jeopardizing their job. I've talked with parents who feel excluded from their child's educational content at school because they are put off when requesting full curriculum disclosure. By working together, I will be the voice of fairness.

My background in practicing medicine has given me decades of experience listening to patients and using discernment in communication, while focusing on best outcome. I am a mother of three ORR graduates living with my husband in Rochester for 26 years. My priority is the students. I will be the leadership parents can trust. Families across Rochester want schools that are calm, focused, accountable and financially responsible. Barbara Lee and I believe every decision should begin with one simple question: "What is best for the students?" We will be the thoughtful leadership that the Rochester Memorial School Committee needs to create a culture of accountability. Please vote for us on May 27.

Ticks, World Cup Bring Disease

Marion Board of Health

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

From tick control to vaccine refrigeration issues, the Marion Board of Health met on May 21 and discussed a wide array of topics.

The board meeting was held at the Police Station conference room after the re-election of Albin Johnson III. The board named Dr. Edward Hoffer as the new chair and Dr. John Howard as the vice chairman, per tradition after an election. Hoffer is running for re-election next year. Johnson is now the board's clerk.

Marion Health Director Lori Desmarais said tick issues are on the rise, and in response there are tick-removal kits available at the town's Health Department office, and health officials were giving out some of the kits at the last annual Town Meeting. State officials say there is a rise in ticks this year, and they are more active in the spring.

Desmarais also said that the Health office's refrigeration system, used to store vaccines, broke down



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recently. Howard mentioned that there is less federal funding now for the newer systems, but board members and Desmarais agreed that the old system was reliable. Desmarais said there are revolving funds available for a new system.

The board endorsed a new policy that addresses how town officials should legally address vacant homes or lots. However, Johnson questioned how the board should handle complaints about those who illegally live in abandoned homes. Johnson questioned who would enforce the law and how the board would respond. Hoffer and Howard said the issue is beyond the board's jurisdiction. Howard said that there are state laws that address illegal use of vacant homes.



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I will be forever grateful for the kindness and generosity extended by this community. Thank you for the time you spent considering my candidacy, sharing your ideas, knowledge and concerns, posting signs, donating, introducing me to your friends and cheering us on. To my fellow candidates and their supporters, you challenged me and made me better, and your voices will continue to be as important as mine.

We never wavered in one belief: to preserve all that is so special about Mattapoisett and prepare our town for the future, we must work together, encourage all viewpoints and build trust in the process. I can't wait to work with Jodi, Jordan, Judy and Frances in this great effort. We'll be having conversations about how to enhance participation and better inform residents on our town's most consequential matters.

I'm honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve Mattapoisett. I plan to do everything possible to make ALL of you proud. Let's continue to move our town forward one conversation at a time!

To my incredible team — Jane, Marya, Janis, Kerin, Patrick, Jenn, Veronica, John, Andy, and my mom and dad (and so many more) — I owe you a huge debt of gratitude. To Nicki Demakis, thank you for your efforts to expand our board and enable new members to join. And to all of you, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for the inspiration.

Nicole



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Desmarais said, with international soccer coming to Massachusetts, people should be aware of new diseases or health issues coming from foreigners who attend World Cup games. Health officials noted that Marion is distant from Foxborough and the MBTA commuter rail does not pass through the town. They also mentioned the town does not have hotels. However, Desmarais said anyone who attends the games should be aware of this warning.

Desmarais reported that one town beach has been tested, and all 10 of them will be tested in early June.

Desmarais also mentioned that the state has issued warnings about rabies, and people should be cautious around wild animals and should take action if their dog is bitten by another dog or a wild animal. She said anyone with a bat in the home should call Animal Control immediately, which would capture the bat and test it for rabies.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, June 4 at 4:30 pm in the Marion Police Department's conference room.

Parking Boats, Cars A Challenge

Marion Marine Resources Commission

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Marion Marine Resources Commission met on May 20 at the Island Wharf Harbormaster Center where discussion focused on a survey being drafted by consultants Kristen Uiterwijk and Shannon Hogan of UMass Boston's Urban Harbor Institute.

The MRC members discussed outreach as well as one question that did not address private boating access. The survey is part of an overall master plan for Marion Harbor.

The MRC asked consultants to simplify the question so that boaters can respond whether they launch a watercraft from a private dock, a public one or a yacht club dock. Hogan said the consultants were trying to get a sense of who uses the harbor.

They agreed to clarify that question and allow users to respond anonymously or leave an email address. They also said they would simplify the question by asking boaters if they use a private one or one of the town's three public docks. "This (survey) is for anyone. It's casting a wide, wide net because we are looking at all users of the harbor," Hogan said.

MRC members and the two consultants also agreed to pose questions for non-boat users as well as ones who have an active vessel. Members and the consultants discussed public outreach. They all agreed that a recent hearing drew a large crowd at which participants wrote down email addresses.

Consultants said that databases are useful and suggested using local media, social media, town emails and other means to spread the word about the prospective harbor plan and the survey.

The MRC also introduced new Harbormaster Cameron Wentworth, who recently was unanimously



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voted into the position by the Select Board. Wentworth has a background in law enforcement and boating, and his appointment is pending, as long as negotiations are successful. He is replacing Harbormaster Adam Murphy, who took a job with the Marion Police Department.

The MRC also addressed parking issues around Island Wharf, reporting that a working committee has focused on the possibility of Sippican Elementary School as well as Department of Public Works land for parking during the summer months.

The grassy area near the town bandstand will be off limits for parking on Fridays beginning at 12:00 pm through the weekend with the exception of people who use the bandstand to attend music events during the summer.

Island Wharf has limited parking and is supposed to be for boaters only, but over the last few years officials have reported boaters parking elsewhere and non-boaters parking at Island Wharf. MRC members agreed that this is a townwide problem during the summer months, and they are working to address it.

The next meeting of the Marion Marine Resources Commission was not scheduled at adjournment.

Second Season Arrives for ORR

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Old Rochester's girls tennis team played against

Dighton-Rehoboth (10-3) on May 20 and won 5-0. Neva Matos won 6-0, 6-0 at first singles, Caroline Houdelette won 6-1, 6-0 at second singles, and Grace Hebert won 6-1, 6-0 at third singles. Molly Franco and Paige Marotta won 6-2, 6-2 at second doubles. The Bulldogs finished the season with a 17-0 record and were South Coast Conference champions for the third year in a row.

The Bulldogs are seeded seventh in the MIAA Division 3 State Tournament and await the winner of Tuesday's Preliminary Round playoff match between Number 26 Seekonk (12-4) and Number 39 Pope Francis Preparatory School (12-6). ORR is guaranteed home court through two rounds but could face second-seeded Dover Sherborn in the quarterfinals.

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Boys Tennis

ORR, at 16-0 seeded 13th in the MIAA Division 3 State Tournament, was scheduled to open its playoff season on Wednesday at home against another undefeated, regional high school, 15-0 Groton-Dunstable. The winner would likely visit fourth-seeded Bedford (date and time TBA).

Girls Lacrosse

ORR finished with a 9-8 record, which made the Bulldogs the 18th seed in the MIAA Division 3 State Tournament and visitors in Wednesday's playoff opener at 15th-seeded Wakefield (8-10).

Old Colony (13-5) was the 27th seed in Tuesday's MIAA Division 4 Round of 32 match at Number 6 Manchester-Essex Regional (11-6).

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Academic Achievements

Madeline Wright, of Mattapoisett was recently inducted into the Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta) honor society.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **June 3**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another satisfying meal. Callers, please send your counts by 9:00 pm Monday, June 1. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net.

Nature Drawing and Journaling Workshop

The Marion Natural History Museum's community group will be learning a little about Botany & Landscapes during our Nature Drawing and Journaling workshop on Saturday, **June 13** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will learn a little about botany, the science of plants, as well as and how to draw a landscape. Tricia Cassady, Wetland Scientist and Artist of The Art & Nature Studio, will introduce you to some introductory botany terms and identification techniques as well as how to draw a landscape using a view finder. No experience necessary.

You can bring whatever materials you would like to work with such as graphite pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, watercolors and don't forget a sketchbook. We will be outdoors so please dress appropriately and bring a hat, water, bug spray, sunscreen, a small chair, stool or blanket to sit on. To register please go to www.marionmuseum.org.

ORRHS Students to Attend Boys' State & Girls' State

Eight members of the class of 2026 at Old Rochester Regional High School will be attending the Boys' / Girls' State Convention sponsored by the American Legion's Florence Eastman Post 280, June 13 to June 19, at Stonehill College in North Easton, MA.

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Boys' State: The Mattapoissett Lions Club will be sponsoring Lucas Hadley. The Boston Foundation and Lawrence DiCara, Esquire, will be sponsoring both Grady Oliviera in memory of George White, and Luke Pierre in memory of Jack DeCosta. Lastly, the Machacam Club will be sponsoring James Russell.

Girls' State: The American Legion Florence Eastman Post 280 will be sponsoring Sage Elia. The Mattapoissett Lions Club will sponsor Addison Roy. The Boston Foundation and Lawrence DiCara will sponsor Olivia Thompson, in memory of Jerry DeCosta. In addition, the Mattapoissett Woman's Club will be sponsoring Angela Palmer.

To be eligible for Boys' / Girls' State, a student must be a member of the junior class who has achieved high academic success. Delegates must also show evidence of leadership ability and an interest in the democratic process. At the convention, delegates will study local and state government. They will establish and operate their own cities and towns and state government in miniature. This will include forming two political parties, holding conventions, nominating candidates, conducting campaigns, and electing officials. The primary goal of Boys' / Girls' State is for attendees to develop a better understanding of how State Government functions.

Mattapoissett Free Public Library

Our Spring Storytime Session has wrapped up. We look forward to starting up the Summer Storytime Sessions, starting with Family Storytime on Thursday, **June 18**, and Baby Storytime on Friday, **June 19**, both at 10:30 am.

Our Play Group and Play Club are also on break for the summer. Both groups have been enthusiastically attended, and we look forward to all the fun that the fall will bring.

Our flooring replacement is in its final stages, and we are still on track to reopen on Tuesday, **June 2**. We are so excited to have everyone see it and enjoy the space once again. Come on down if you have the chance.

On Friday, **June 5**, at 3:30 pm, our Kids' Graphic Novel Book Club will be meeting for the last time until

the fall. There's still time to pick up a copy of the book: "The Cartoonist Club" by Raina Telgemeier and Scott McCloud. Copies are available near the media lab upstairs. Contact faguier@sailsinc.org with any questions.

Last but not least, we are finalizing our plans for our 2026 Summer Reading Program - which will start on **June 23**. We have a lot of exciting events planned, and we can't wait to share it all with you once everything is ready to go. Keep your eyes peeled.

More information about all of our programs is available on our website, mattapoissettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

Tour de Crème

This coming Sunday, we will once again offer riders the chance to sample the frozen wares from our creamery sponsors while enjoying the South Coast's charming countryside by bicycle. Not just a bike ride, The Tour de Crème is 3 pedal powered tours of Southcoast Creameries and a seaside party brought to you by the Mattapoissett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail. Proceeds from the event help build and maintain recreational trails.

We have 3 tours starting and ending in Mattapoissett. The 9-mile-tour departs at 12:00 pm to Little Bay Road on the bike path. For those who want to ride a little further, we have a 25-mile tour departing at 11:00

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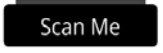
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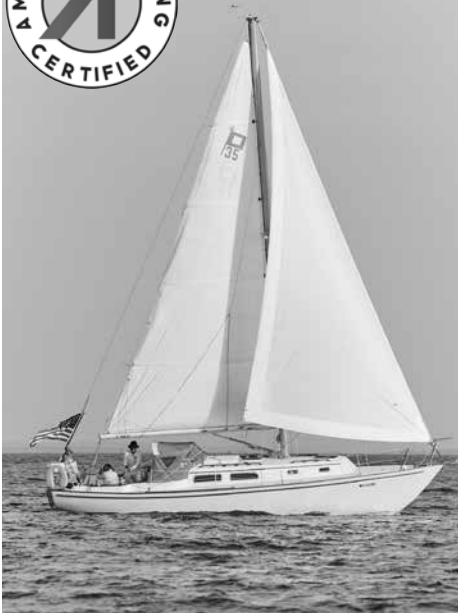
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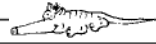


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Name 1	Town 1	Name 2	Town 2	Division	E/T	Award
Alex Milde	Mattapoisett	Rebecca Milde	Mattapoisett	O/A & Co-Ed Div	1:59:22	1st Place
Eli MacGregor	Rochester	Ian MacGregor	Acushnet	Open Division	1:59:55	2nd Place
Katelyn Watling	Rochester	William D. Watling III	Rochester	P/C Division & O/A	2:02:28	1st & O/A 3rd
Ethan Hathaway	Rochester	Capt. Andy Hammern	Chugchigan, Ecu	Open Division	2:03:13	.
Nick Barrows	Mattapoisett	Jack Barrows	Fairhaven	Open Division	2:04:49	.
Ryan Stopka	Rochester	Gary Stopka	Rochester	Open Division	2:06:19	.
Heather Veilleux	Rochester	C.J. Hedges IV	Marion	Co-Ed Division	2:06:28	2nd Place
Matt Buckley	Mattapoisett	Peter MacGregor	Rochester	Open Division	2:07:43	.
William D. Watling IV	Rochester	Alyssa Watling	Rochester	Parent/Child Division	2:10:19	2nd Place
Walter Gonet	Rochester	Jeff Eldridge	Rochester	Open Division	2:13:11	.
Dana Barrows	Mattapoisett	Paul Milde	Mattapoisett	Open Division	2:13:14	.
Kelsey Collasius	Fairhaven	Andrew Martin	W. Wareham	Co-Ed Division	2:14:48	3rd Place
Thallon L. Andrade	Acushnet	Wyatt C. Harding	Rochester	Open Division	2:15:20	.
Tucker Roy	Rochester	Christopher Braga JR	Rochester	Open Division	2:15:53	.
Will Harding	Rochester	Tim Harding	Rochester	Parent/Child Division	2:19:14	3rd Place
Gregory Komichuk	Lakeville	Michael Gifford	Marion	Open Division	2:19:24	.
Jess Rittenhouse	Mattapoisett	Daniel Rittenhouse	Mattapoisett	Co-Ed Division	2:19:51	.
Caitlin Stopka	Brighton	Trevor Stopka	Rochester	Co-Ed Division	2:20:02	.
Jackson Daniel	Marion	Cooper Trahan	Rochester	Open Division	2:20:04	.
Henri Roy	Rochester	Mason Zell	Rochester	Open Division	2:20:35	.
Jodi Lynn Bauer	Mattapoisett	Marc Nadeau	Mattapoisett	Co-Ed Division	2:21:46	.
Cole Ducharme	Wareham	Eric Ducharme	Wareham	Open Division	2:23:29	.
Aaron Zell	Rochester	Jonathan Roy	Rochester	Open Division	2:23:50	.
Sam Flagg	Sandwich	Skyler D. Rinta	Wareham	Co-Ed Division	2:26:03	.
Jessica Zell	Rochester	Adelaide Zell	Rochester	Women's Division	2:27:43	1st Place
James Mattson	Rochester	Oliver Lizotte	Rochester	Open Division	2:29:48	.
Calvin Payne	Rochester	Cameron Makuch	Rochester	Open Division	2:35:08	.
Daphne Poirier	Marion	Graham Poirier	Boston	Co-Ed Division	2:37:00	.
Catherine M. Connolly	Acushnet	Connor Leddin	E. Wareham	Co-Ed Division	2:41:27	.
Adeline Shaw	Rochester	David Shaw	Rochester	Parent/Child Division	2:42:43	.
Amanda Costa	Rochester	Jeffrey Costa	Rochester	Co-Ed Division	2:45:46	.
Lori Ann Whalley	Swansea	Michael Braz	Rochester	Co-Ed Division	2:46:57	.
Felipe Francisco	Rochester	Manuel Francisco	Marion	Open Division	2:48:22	.
Krissey Varbero	Mattapoisett	Gifford Lawrence	Rochester	Parent/Child Division	2:48:59	.
Dawn Burube	Pocasset	Michael Banis	Bourne	Co-Ed Division	2:52:10	.
Sam Payne	Rochester	Maggie Payne	Rochester	Co-Ed Division	2:53:58	.
Sam Bates	Sandwich	Matt Horton	Brighton	Open Division	2:58:35	.
Aidan Bernier	Mattapoisett	Dan Burgo	Marion	Parent/Child Division	2:59:24	.
Grace Bernier	Mattapoisett	Alex Bernier	Mattapoisett	Parent/Child Division	3:00:10	.
Juniper Oliveira	New Bedford	Glenn Oliveira	New Bedford	Parent/Child Division	3:02:28	.
Hailey Harding	Rochester	Charlie Oliveira	Marion	Women's Division	3:03:06	2nd Place
Elise Tetreault	Fairhaven	Jay Vincent	Fairhaven	Co-Ed Division	3:04:25	.
Mark Podzon	Bridgewater	J.P. Davis	Middleboro	Open Division	3:05:42	.
Brett Armstrong	Hull	Kye Armstrong		Open Division	3:11:38	.
Benjamin Koska	Marion	Jayden Davis	Sandwich	Open Division	3:13:13	.
Judith E. Selwyn	Chestnut Hill	David Carlen	Mattapoisett	Co-Ed Division	3:13:32	.
Allison Francisco	New Bedford	Jeremy Francisco	Rochester	Co-Ed Division	3:17:38	.
William D'Amico	Falmouth	Kevin Walker	Bourne	Open Division	3:18:01	.
Xavier Callahan	Buzzards Bay	Thomas McMullin	Forestdale	Open Division	3:18:03	.
Joseph Turgiss	Sagamore Beach	Christopher Moynihan	E. Sandwich	Open Division	3:18:15	.
Jack Chase	Falmouth	Howard Baker	Woods Hole	Open Division	3:24:33	.
Cody O'Brien	Lancaster	Craig O'Brien	Lancaster	Parent/Child Division	3:25:29	.
Paul Estrella	Rochester	Greg Pimental	Dartmouth	Open Division	3:30:02	.
Bella Passanisi	Bourne	Addison Watts	Falmouth	Women's Division	4:06:10	3rd Place
Isabella Jones	Rochester	Isabel Bodeau	Rochester	Women's Division	4:17:43	.
Rory Smith	Wareham	Robert Davis	Teaticket	Open Division	4:38:09	.
KAYAK	DIVISION					
Cliff Hedges	Marion	Kayak Division	2:15:27	1st Place		
Terry Allen	Acushnet	Kayak Division	2:22:00	2nd Place		
Eldon Sears	Carver	Kayak Division	2:23:22	3rd Place		
Nick Langenfeld	Rochester	Kayak Division	2:31:25	.		
Seth Gambino	Rochester	Kayak Division	2:32:09	.		
Josh Sullivan	Swansea	Kayak Division	2:35:52	.		
Jayden Sena	Wareham	Kayak Division	2:38:16	.		
Chuck Tolley	Lakeville	Kayak Division	2:38:30	.		
Joshua Van Inwegen	Marion	Kayak Division	2:44:52	.		
Don Cuddy	Mattapoisett	Kayak Division	2:47:06	.		
Steve Pecci	Mattapoisett	Kayak Division	2:58:16	.		

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am from the Town Beach. Lastly, for the true bike-and-ice-cream aficionados, we have a 47-mile ride departing at 10:00 am.

If you would like more information about the Tour de Crème, please contact Jane Finnerty at 631-312-2560 or email at jane.mattrail@gmail.com.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, **June 8**, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club, Acushnet. Come and be informed about the happenings in and around Rochester. All are invited to attend.

Red, White, and Blue Bake Sale

This weekend, **May 30** from 10 to 2, the Rochester Historical Society is holding a bake sale at the Rochester Land Trust Pony Pasture on Mattapoissett Rd. We will be selling pies, breads, cookies, squares, muffins and more. There will also be some exciting raffles. This is a great location, a chance to help out the Historical Society, win a cool prize and run into friends. If you would like to contribute a baked good for the sale, you can get in touch with me, Connie, at 617-750-2818 or eshbach2@aol.com. Don't worry about baking in red, white or blue. It's more a theme than a baking requirement.

Free Concert at the MAC

MAC Music presents the KabuJazz Ensemble feat. Candida Rose in a free, outdoor concert at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street, Marion. The concert will take place on Sunday, **May 31** at 4:00 pm. This family-friendly, all ages event is open to the public. Guests are invited to bring their own lawn chairs and refreshments. In case of foul weather, the concert will be moved indoors at the community center. Parking and bathrooms are available on site.

Under the leadership of Candida Rose Baptista and musical direction of J. L. Santos Spencer, the KabuJazz Ensemble is a group of talented Cabo Verdean and Jazz-oriented musicians who come together to bring a unique combination of Cabo Verdean and American - primarily Jazz - musical influences to audiences cross-country, a combination Candida Rose has labeled "KabuJazz".

Starting with Candida's debut CD in 2006 entitled KabuMerikana: The Sum of ME, the KabuJazz Ensemble has seen many configurations of well-known musicians which have included John Kordalewski, Santi Debriano, Manny Santos, Kalu Monteiro, Djim Job, Zerui DePina, Justin Ramos, and the late Lance Gunberg, just to name a few. The current core group, with Candida Rose on Lead Vocals, consists of: Heribar Estrela on Keyboards and Background Vocals, Santos Spencer on Guitar and Background Vocals, Tchico Evora on Drumset and Percussion, and Emmanuel Escobar on Bass, Saxophone,



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Salt & Light at the MAC

Salt & Light, the new show in the MAC Galleries, will open on Friday, **May 29** with an artists' reception from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The show runs through July 3, 2026, with artists' talks in the galleries scheduled Thursday, June 25 at 5:00pm. All events are free and open to the public and will be held at the Marion Art Center, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion.

Salt & Light brings together painters Kim Gatesman, Christy Gunnels, and Barbara Healy, whose work celebrates the distinctive landscapes of New England - rocky shorelines, salt marshes, cranberry bogs, and open coastlines. Though united by place, each artist brings a singular vision to the canvas, exploring light, color, and atmosphere in her own way. The result is a rich conversation between perspectives, inviting viewers to look slowly at the land, water, and sky that define our

remarkable SouthCoast region.

Kim Gatesman is a painter, printmaker, and an overall creative with a professional career that

spans a range of disciplines and industries over the last 20 years. With numerous bodies of work, Kim covers a variety of genres from realism to abstract, colorful to black and white, and traditional to esoteric, all showing the same level of skill and dedication across her portfolio. She earned her MS, Arts Administration at Boston University, Boston and her MA BFA, 2D Studies (Printmaking) at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth,, MA. Kim grew up in the woods of Western Massachusetts, and now lives in Swansea where she also maintains her private studio.

Christy Gunnels, born in Magnolia, Arkansas, has lived and worked on the South Coast of Massachusetts all of her adult life. Her works are in collections around the United States, England, Canada, Taiwan, and France.



She received her MFA in painting from The Milton Avery Graduate School of the Arts at Bard College where she studied with Regina Granne, David Diao and Allen Cote. For many years she was an art instructor and director of fine arts in the Wareham, MA Public Schools. She is a realist painter inspired by her surroundings, creating oil paintings from her garden, birds, and the marshes and ocean outside her home.

Barbara Healy is a contemporary, award-winning artist working in oils and acrylics. Her paintings are in many collections, including Tobey Hospital. A Connecticut native, Barbara fell in love with the South Coast, and her husband Shaun, while getting her BFA at UMASS Dartmouth, and stayed. Her studio in Dartmouth, MA has been on the South Coast Artists Open Studio Tour for 15 years. She is a Juried Artist Member of The National Association of Women Artists, Cape Cod Art Center, and also teaches painting.

More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

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7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Gordan Goodwin
9:30 AM Mattapoissett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Alfred H. Saulniers
10:00 AM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology
9:30 PM Marion Art Center - Collective Sightings Exhibition
11:00 PM Classic Movie

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5:00 PM ORR Softball vs Somerset-Berkley
6:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Bourne
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday May 30, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
10:30 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology
5:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
6:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
8:30 PM Paltrowitz - with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 PM A Conversation With...
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday May 31, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church

8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford
4:30 PM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
6:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Nantucket
7:30 PM ORR Baseball vs Somerset-Berkley
9:00 PM ORR Baseball vs West Bridgewater
10:30 PM ORR Night of Jazz Concert
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday June 1, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Modernizing Funding for Public Access
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of Massachusetts
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday June 2, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club Cartooning
10:00 AM Saturday Morning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!
6:00 PM Marion Art Center - Unplugged
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday June 3, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road

10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
1:30 PM Money Matters
2:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
3:30 PM The Mattapoissett Rail Trail
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
4:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
5:00 PM Marion Art Center
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Pete on the Street
6:30 PM World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:45 PM Mattapoissett Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
10:30 PM Classic Movies

MARION GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
12:30 PM Marion Board of Health
1:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
3:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
5:00 PM Marion Town Meeting
7:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee
8:00 PM Marion Planning Board
9:00 PM Marion Harbor Management Plan
9:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
10:30 PM Marion Pathway Committee
11:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

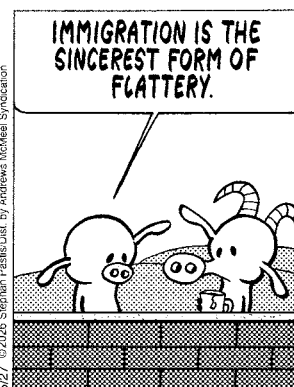
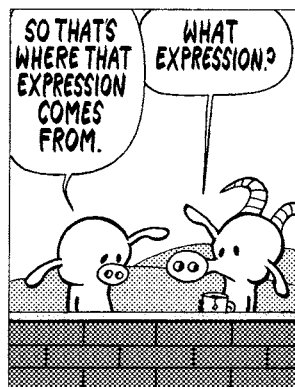
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Rochester Town Meeting
10:30 AM Rochester Candidates Night
12:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
1:00 PM Old Colony Building Project Update
1:30 PM Rochester School Committee
3:30 PM Rochester Town Meeting
6:30 PM Old Colony Building Project Update
7:00 PM Rochester Candidates Night
9:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
11:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Old Colony Building Project Update
8:00 AM ORR NHS Induction Ceremony 2026
9:00 AM Old Colony Excellence in Effort Awards Night
10:00 AM ORR/JHS Spring Concert
11:30 AM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Softball vs Somerset-Berkley
2:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Somerset-Berkley
3:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Bourne
4:00 PM ORR Softball vs Fairhaven
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Softball vs GNBVT
8:30 PM The Harvard Krokodiles at ORR
10:00 PM ORR Baseball vs Apponequet
11:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 38

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



volunteer orientation on Saturday, **June 6** starting at 10:30 am in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. The event is open to anyone and everyone. Are you interested in volunteering but haven't signed up because you want to learn more first? Perhaps you have helped out at a MAC event before but would like to hear about other types of volunteer opportunities. Seasoned volunteers are welcome too – you may learn something new. We invite the public to learn all about how the MAC runs on volunteer power. You may even make some new friends in the process. The event will last about 1-to-1.5 hours and will be held at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. Light refreshments will be provided. More information at marionartcenter.org/events.

Tri-County Symphonic Band Tickets

Ticket sales have begun for the upcoming Annual Benefit Pops Concert for the Tri-County Symphonic Band. The theme for this year is "Flay Day: 250 Years of Independence." The concert will, once again, be held on the waterfront in a grand tent on the campus of Tabor Academy in Marion. Fine music, cupcakes and lemonade, a raffle for prizes and a fun-filled festive afternoon is planned for Sunday, **June 14**. Advance tickets can now be purchased at Mimi's of Marion, the Symphony Music Shop in North Dartmouth and online at tricountysymphonicband.org.

MYC Hosts Round the Bay Regatta

The 38th Mattapoisett Yacht Club Spring Round the Bay Race will be on **June 6**. This is the first race in the Buzzards Bay Trophy.

The Spring Round-the-Bay Race is a "pursuit start" PHRF Handicap race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes. The course begins and finishes outside of Mattapoisett Harbor. This is the first race in series of long-distance races sponsored by local yacht clubs to determine the overall winner of the 2026 Buzzards Bay Trophy. Scratch sheets will be available online. The entry fee is \$75.00 for both members and non-members.

New this year will be the double handed handicap class. Information and registration is now

available on our website www.mattapoissettyc.org/racing.

OCRVTHS Summer Discovery Experience

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School recently opened registration for its 9th annual Summer Discovery Experience program and tickets are expected to sell out fast.

This unique summer programming runs from **July 13 to July 24**. Registration is open now on Eventbrite starting at \$161.90 per session. Half-day and full-day options are available, with most morning and afternoon sessions offered for students entering grades 5-9.

Discovery sessions cover a wide range of topics, including outdoor sports, automotive mechanics, culinary arts, cosmetology, forensics, welding, graphics, computer science and more.

Sessions are taught by Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School educators.

"Our talented staff are a point of pride for us here at Old Colony," said Superintendent Aaron Polansky. "We hope that the variety of Summer Discovery programming lets campers develop their current interests and also explore new paths."

Most programs run Monday through Friday. Since its introduction in 2017, the Summer Discovery Experience has expanded its schedule from five days to 10, spanning two weeks. Most activities now have time to run twice and accommodate more participants.



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OBITUARIES



Nancy K. Griswold, 87, of Mattapoisett passed peacefully on May 22, 2026. Born on September 12, 1938, to Katherine and Ralph Hill, she grew up in Walpole and graduated from Walpole High School.

Nancy earned her bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and master's degree from Lesley University. A gifted educator, she enjoyed a long career as a beloved elementary school teacher. She began teaching in US military schools in Japan and the Philippines, then spent many years in Norfolk and Burlington schools. She retired in 2003 and moved to Mattapoisett where she'd spent every summer since childhood at her happy place on the shores of Point Connett.

Always active and involved in her community, Nancy didn't slow down in retirement. She was a longtime member of Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion and volunteered with South Coast organizations including Gifts to Give, Habitat for Humanity, The Rotch-Jones-Duff House, and Sippican Historical Society. She was quick to offer help and support wherever and whenever needed. Nancy was a fierce advocate for her family, friends, and students and gave generously of her time and resources.

Her many interests included antiquing, gardening, reading, and travel. Beginning in her teens when she lived in Spain as an exchange student, travel was especially important. She loved experiencing the worlds' wonders and spent time on every continent except Australia. One of her favorite international adventures took place when she was in her mid-70s and visited Antarctica to see whales and study penguins.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, John E. Hill and sister-in-law Barbara J. Hill of Walpole, and her husband, Rev. John A. Griswold. A beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Nancy is survived by her three daughters and nine grandchildren, Krista (Robby) Russell and grandsons Anders and Graham of Atlanta, GA, Greta (Tim) Fox and grandsons Gavin, Bennett, Davis and Sawyer of Mattapoisett and Bluffton, SC, and Elisa (Joseph) Dupre and grandson Jed and granddaughters Molly and Edie of Mattapoisett.

A memorial service will be held at Point Connett later this summer.



Preston "Tony" Archibald Carrington, 66, of New Bedford and Mattapoisett, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, May 17th, 2026, after a period of declining health. He was the husband of Patricia (Moniz) Carrington for 44 years.

Born in Trinidad and raised in Florida, Tony lived in New Bedford for many years before recently moving to Mattapoisett.

Tony was a veteran of the United States Coast Guard, serving aboard the USCGC Bibb and was extremely proud of his service in the Presidential Honor Guard. He was a corrections officer at MCI Bridgewater for 35 years. Tony absolutely loved to travel, especially enjoying trips to South Africa and a return to Trinidad for wrestling matches.

Tony was a legendary local professional wrestler. Trained by Walter "Killer" Kowalski beginning in the early 1980's, his wrestling career spanned more than three decades. Originally fighting as Tony Ulysses and Mr. Trinidad, he eventually transitioned into a role as heel manager "Mr. Fabulous", a loudmouth villain that audiences loved to hate. He was universally loved and respected in the wrestling community and was a mentor to many - happy to share his knowledge, some great stories and the sage advice to "not give up your day job!". He was inducted into the New England Pro Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2010.

Tony's wrestling persona was a complete contrast with the man that he really was. He was a true gentleman, unfailingly kind and humble. He was veteran, a devoted father, a man of great integrity and a consummate entertainer, but his warmth and his gentle nature are his real legacy and the greatest gift he could have ever given his children.

Tony is survived by his wife, Patricia; three children; sons Traeh and Asher Carrington and daughter, Avery Carrington, all of Mattapoisett, and a brother Darron A. Robinson of Florida.

He was predeceased by his parents, Stephen Archibald Carrington and Lenore Gomez; two brothers, Stephen Lester Carrington and Ricardo Ian Carrington and a sister Lyn Ward.

His visitation will be held Monday, June 1, 2026 from 10:30-11:30 am in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett, followed by his Funeral Service at 11:30 am in the Funeral Home and burial in the Massachusetts National Cemetery.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

Participants are encouraged to mix and match morning and afternoon sessions. Families are responsible for their own transportation. All sessions are very popular, and spots are expected to fill quickly.

Full-day participants have the option to remain on campus for a supervised lunch period between 11:30 am and noon in the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School cafeteria. Students attending both sessions are responsible for bringing their own lunch.

"It's fantastic to see so many young people excited to roll up their sleeves and learn," said Superintendent Polansky.

All payments made by check must be received in the form of a bank check or money order by the Friday before the start of the selected program to secure a spot. To start camp, each participant will require an updated physical and signed pick up permission forms.

For more details and to secure a spot for your student email SummerDiscovery@OldColony.us with questions or concerns.

Rochester Historical Society Bake Sale

Our Red, White and Blue Bake Sale will be held on **May 30** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Rochester Land Trust Pony Pasture on Mattapoisett Road. That is an important thing to note. It is a Rochester Historical event to help us defray winter and spring costs, but it won't be at the museum.

We are still looking for bakers. If you are willing to bake for us, please call Connie at 617-750-2818 (leave a message if I don't answer) or email eshbach2@aol.com. We hope to see you on May 30.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Offers Continuing Education Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is pleased to offer a continuing education scholarship of \$1500 to a Mattapoisett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of a postsecondary degree, certificate, or career advancing coursework. The application is available online at www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org. All applications must be postmarked by **May 31**. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fundraising events including the Taste of the Town and the biennial garden tour to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. These scholarships are intended to support the club's belief in the importance of education and to demonstrate its grateful dedication to the community. Membership in the Mattapoisett Woman's Club is open to any woman who is interested in the objectives of the organization.

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Volunteers planted geraniums at Veterans Graves in Marion for Memorial Day. Photo by Robert Pina



The Town of Marion held Memorial Day observances inside Sippican Elementary School on Monday morning, where Technical Sergeant Sean Givens gave the keynote address before a strong turnout from the community. Master Sergeant Mandy Givens was master of ceremonies, which included an invocation and benediction from Bishop Orlando Harris, an address from Select Board Chairman John Hoagland, and student participation. Mara Donnelly sang "God Bless America," Kennedy Zussey read "The Gettysburg Address," and Colin MacInnis read "In Flanders Field."

Both the Portuguese American and Sippican School bands contributed music. Photos by Mick Colageo



The Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group had a great time learning about propulsion, drag and lift while building their own rockets. The kids had a chance to add different components to the rockets as

well as proper parachute placement. Outside, we added the explosive charge, and everyone had a chance to launch their rockets. The museum wishes to thank rocket enthusiast and volunteer Mike Cronin for his many years of providing this program. The museum also wishes to thank volunteer Gia Goodwin, and Tabor volunteers Mills Sutton, Lila Sherman, Winnie Hatch and Lillian Peake for their help with this program. To check out our upcoming programs please go to the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Birds of a Feather and Other Friends

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library to view a lovely ceramic exhibit created by local artist Wendy Goldsmith from **June 2 to June 30**. Goldsmith went to art school and majored in printmaking and also studied ceramics. A few years later she went back to clay but still uses printmaking techniques in her process. She continued her studies at Castle Hill Center for the Arts and Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Working in clay involves many art forms such as designing, drawing, painting and sculpting. Goldsmith feels there is always more to learn, different materials to explore, and unexpected things to happen. Her pottery is hand-built, allowing her to experiment with color and form as she strives to integrate both function and beauty into her work. Inspiration comes from nature and her interpretation comes from her imagination. Her hope is that her pieces will enrich people's celebrations and bring a smile with every day use which it definitely does. The exhibit is free and open to all.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

If you had a hot dog or beverage at the Rochester Boat Race finish line this Memorial Day, then you encountered "The Dorothy" shown here in this picture. The Dorothy started as a peanut wagon bought by then Dorothy Bray for entertainment at a friend's party. Later, Dorothy married that friend, Joe Plumb. After its party participation, she insisted on gifting the wagon to the Brotherhood.

For many years, the Brotherhood was a group of about 30 "older men" most from Rochester. They were active in the community with projects of all kinds and the sponsoring of a variety of groups. The Dorothy had wheels and could be towed to different events where food could be cooked. Maybe it was the prototype for today's food trucks.



After the Brotherhood was disbanded, the Dorothy became the property of the Rochester Fire Department as the Rochester Firefighter Association took over the annual clambake, the sponsorship of the Boat Race (now sponsored by Town of Rochester Fire Department) and other Brotherhood projects and has been serving hot dogs at the race finish line for over 50 years. So, if you had a hot dog on Monday, you took part in a long-standing Rochester tradition.

Rabies Prevention Event

The Marion Board of Health would like to inform the community of the following events, Rabies Prevention, Control Efforts, and Reducing Risk of Exposure. This event will now be held on **June 3**, at 5:30 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center.

The Cape Cod and Southeast Massachusetts Rabies Task Force is actively involved in rabies prevention and control efforts in the region. They coordinate with local health directors, animal control officers and natural resource officers to contain terrestrial raccoon rabies on Cape Cod. Twice-annual distribution of oral vaccination baits has been key to the program's successes. Come learn more about their work and ways to reduce risk of exposure to rabies.

Light refreshments will be served. To register, please call 508-748-3570. Space is limited.



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***Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu.* Starring Pedro Pascal and Sigourney Weaver. Directed by Jon Favreau. Running time: 132 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.**

On the heels of their successful comic-book adaptation of the first *Star Wars* film, Marvel Comics decided to make a go of it as a regular series. There was only one problem, once it became clear that there wouldn't be just a single *Star Wars* film: the comics couldn't do anything that would contradict the official continuity of the eventual film sequels. No major characters could die, no epic changes could take place. Luke could find out Vader was his dad in a film, but not in the comics. So the comics ended up doing a lot of side quests. Well, *The Mandalorian and Grogu* is a side quest. Perhaps Marvel, which like *Star Wars* is owned by Disney, will bring it full circle and adapt the comic.

This movie is a byproduct of *The Mandalorian*, three seasons of which have streamed on Disney+. Not a subscriber, I haven't seen a second of the show, which stars a mostly-helmeted Pedro Pascal (and various stand-ins, stunt men, and CGI) as Din Djarin, a bounty hunter, aka The Mandalorian or "Mando," who has taken in a child from the same species as Yoda, called Grogu. The two flit around getting in adventures, one of which is the film. Here, Mando is ordered (by Sigourney Weaver! Hell yeah!) to bring back an Imperial warlord who might have intel on what the Empire is planning. (The series and film happen a few years after *Return of the Jedi*.) To do that, Mando must find out where the guy is, and a couple of twin Hutts (as in Jabba) might tell him, in exchange for rescuing their nephew Rotta the Hutt (voice of Jeremy Allen White).

Hutts gotta Hutt, and Mando can't trust any of them — even Rotta, generally a decent sort compared with his mean dad Jabba, won't behave in a way that will make Mando's mission any easier. So there's a lot of boom-boom and pew-pew and punching and kicking, and director Jon Favreau doesn't render the first such battle with any more excitement than he realizes the fiftieth. The shoot-outs and duels to the death between man and beast are the story; detractors always dismissed *Star Wars* as a space western with



blasters replacing six-shooters, but *The Mandalorian and Grogu* is the closest the films have gotten to a real western, only with massive critters with lots of tentacles or fangs.

Pedro Pascal's voice is soothing, especially since Mando most often neither feels nor expresses much fear. But we're 75 minutes into a 132-minute film before Mando's helmet comes off and we see Pascal, who for all we know was reading Rilke in his trailer as stuntmen performed most of his physical stuff, whether running, jumping, or just standing around listening to Hutts. The obvious question — why hire an actor as charismatic as Pedro Pascal if you're never going to show him? — is answered in part by the kindness in Pascal's voice. We can hear that he means no one any harm and that he's patient with and protective of little Grogu. That's why you cast him, if you want to establish Mando's essential goodness even though his costume looks like that of the bad guy Boba Fett.

I was bored through a lot of *The Mandalorian and Grogu*, but I have to confess I hadn't anticipated whiling away a third of the afternoon watching a Hutt go through daddy issues, or tiny squeaky Anzellans helping to fix Mando's ship and being amusing back-up to Grogu. Roger Ebert, reviewing *Return of the Jedi*, admired how the *Star Wars* movies paused to consider the feelings of the exotic creatures onscreen, like the Rancor Keeper sobbing over the Rancor's fate. I was also reminded of an insight I've never forgotten, extended by a friend back in the late '70s; I questioned how the bad guys in films don't know they're the bad guys and the good guys are good, and he said "They probably think it's pretty much the other way around." So, here, even nonhumans have very human — or, as Sigourney Weaver puts it here, very, very messy — responses and emotions. That still doesn't make the movie more than the latest candy for stockholders, but it's not nothing.

Marion Fireworks and Independence Day Parade

Come together with the Town of Marion as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary. Kick off the weekend with fireworks at Silvershell Beach at dusk on Friday, **July 3**.

Our Independence Day Parade rolls out on Saturday, July 4, at 9:00 am, and we want to see your most creative, patriotic parade entries. Applications are now available. Paper copies are also available at the Marion Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road.

The nationwide organization, Freedom Bells, invites all residents to toll bells together on July 4 at noon. Please join neighboring towns and community organizations as they toll the bells. You can find more information on their website: freedombells.org.

We can't wait to celebrate with you.

Mattapoisett Road Race

With less than 2 months until the **4th of July**, it's time to lace up your sneakers and get ready to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence by running the Mattapoisett Road Race, "4 on the 4th." When this tradition was started in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Over the years, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village, around Ned's Point lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on the runners. Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School, as well as support Old Rochester athletics. Over the years, more than \$200,000 has been given to deserving students from Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester. Registration for the race is online only, up until 8:30 am on July 4. Until July 1, the registration fee is \$25, on July 2, July 3, and July 4, it is \$35. T-shirt and number pickup is from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 3, and 7:30-8:30 am on July 4.

Runners are strongly urged to pick up their shirts and numbers on July 3 to avoid long lines on the morning of the race. For more information and registration, please visit mattapoisettroadrace.com.

Coastal Explorations with the MNHM

The Marion Natural History Museum will be offering an opportunity to explore some of Marion's unique natural areas. We will be exploring our rocky inter-tidal shorelines, salt marshes, estuaries as well as freshwater riverbanks, forest, swamps, ponds and bogs. Daily we will take trips to look for the birds, amphibians, fish and invertebrates that make these areas so special.

Each morning will involve hands-on exploration, experiments, crafts and journaling while outdoors. Your child will enjoy being a Coastal Explorer with the Marion

Natural History Museum. Space is limited to 15 per session so make sure to register early. Perfect for children entering grades 2-6.

This year we will also be offering a full-day option in partnership with the Marion Recreation Department. Spend half the day with us, and then if you want extended hours, Marion Recreation will be busing from our location to Silvershell beach for the remainder of the day.

Register at www.marionmuseum.org for both options. Dates: **July 6 to July 10**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, **August 3 to August 7**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

North Rochester Congregational Church

The North Rochester Congregational Church, 247 North Avenue, Rochester, has services at 10:00 am on Sundays. The services are conducted by Reverend Merrily Harris, guest ministers, as well as members of the congregation. Communion is on the first Sunday of each month. Paul Sardinha is the longtime organist. Food and fellowship follows. Everyone is welcome.

Buzzards Bay Musicfest

The Buzzards Bay Musicfest will be returning to Marion this summer from **July 15 through July 19** in the Fireman Performing Arts Center at Hoyt Hall on the campus of Tabor Academy. World class musicians will grace the stage in a five-concert series that is completely open with free admission to the public. Renowned Australian conductor Antony Walker will lead the orchestra this year. On Wednesday, July 15, there will be an open rehearsal at 2:00 pm. That evening, the first concert of the series will feature the full orchestra with works by Beethoven and Haydn as well as a concerto by Grieg featuring piano virtuoso Cynthia Raim as soloist. On Thursday July 16, a chamber music concert will include a flute duo, a trio for oboe, bassoon and piano, a Mozart divertimento for winds and a Beethoven string quartet. The Buzzards Bay Swing Band will take the stage on Friday, July 17 with "Music from the Movies." The Saturday evening (July 18) concert will be chamber ensembles performing works by Françaix, Dohnanyi and

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Log highlights May 17 – May 23

- Hastings Rd -Health/welfare
- Mill St – Lost property
- Mill St – Road hazard
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Cottage Ln – Animal control
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Main St – Officer wanted
- Converse Rd – Recovered property
- Parkway Ln – EMS/medical
- County Rd – Parking enforcement
- Spring St – Found property
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV theft/past
- Wareham Rd – Follow up
- Pleasant St – EMS/medical
- Green St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Hastings Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Abels Way – Officer wanted
- Front St – MV collision
- Converse Rd – Officer wanted/arrest

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights May 17 – May 23

- Reservation Rd - Disturbance
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Angelica Ave – Medical alarm
- Oliver's Ln – Domestic disturbance
- Oliver's Ln – Restraining issue
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Tupola Ln – MV violations
- Driscoll Ln – Follow up investigation
- Church St – Health/welfare
- Woodland Ave – General service
- Fieldstone Dr – Health/welfare
- Church St – Animal control
- North St – Parking violation
- Church St – Follow up investigation
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Medical alarm
- Bayberry Ln- Medical alarm
- Main St – Medical assist
- Water St – Officer wanted
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist other agency
- Church St – General service
- Meadowbrook Ln – Restraining order
- Main St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Tinkham Hill Rd – Weapons discharge
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Wildwood Ter – Suspicious MV
- North St – Follow up investigation
- Holly Ln – MV violations
- Water St – General services
- 195 West – Assist other agency

ROCHESTER

Log highlights May 17 – May 23

- Bennett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mayflower Ln – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd - Assault
- Rounseville Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln - Medical
- Dexter Ln – Well-being check
- Cranberry Hwy -Abandoned MV
- Burgess Ave – Burglar alarm
- County Rd – Road hazard
- Rounseville Rd – Assist other agency
- Hartley Rd – Medical
- County Rd – Road hazard
- Pine St – Inside electrical problem
- Hartley Rd - Larceny
- Boxberry Ln – Detector issue
- Pine St – MV collision
- Boxberry Ln - Fraud
- Williams Way – General services
- North Ave – General services
- Hiller Rd – Outside investigation
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- North Ave - Medical
- North Ave – Animal control
- North Ave – Inside gas leak
- Marys Pond Rd – Illegal dumping
- Walnut Plain Rd – Lost animal
- Neck Rd - Medical
- County Rd – MV collision
- Constitution Way – MV collision

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, June 1: White fish piccata, rice pilaf, vegetable medley, wholegrain cornbread loaf, orange

Tuesday, June 2: Roast turkey w/cranberry walnut apple chutney, mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat bread, pear

Wednesday, June 3: Cheese tortellini w/ beef bolognese, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, shortbread cookie, diet: fruit

Thursday, June 4: BBQ chicken thigh, roasted sweet potatoes, broccoli, wholegrain cornbread, peach cup

Friday, June 5: Braised beef & vegetables, polenta, spinach w/peppers, dinner roll, vanilla pudding, diet: fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, June 1: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked potato wedges, steamed carrots

Tuesday, June 2: Chef's choice: Taco nacho platter (OR) Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad

Wednesday, June 3: Chef's choice breakfast for lunch: Pancakes (OR) Whole grain waffles, warm blueberry dipping sauce, maple syrup, Jones low sodium sausage links, hashbrown patty

Thursday, June 4: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, June 5: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/ honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, June 1: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked potato wedges, steamed carrots

Tuesday, June 2: Chef's choice: Taco nacho platter (OR) Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad

Wednesday, June 3: Chef's choice breakfast for lunch: Pancakes (OR) Whole grain waffles, warm blueberry dipping sauce, maple syrup, Jones low sodium sausage links, hashbrown patty

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OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, June 1: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked potato wedges, steamed carrots

Tuesday, June 2: Chef's choice: Taco nacho platter (OR) Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos,

taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad

Wednesday, June 3: Chef's choice breakfast for lunch: Pancakes (OR) Whole grain waffles, warm blueberry dipping sauce, maple syrup, Jones low sodium sausage links, hashbrown patty

Thursday, June 4: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, June 5: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/ honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, June 1: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked potato wedges, steamed carrots

Tuesday, June 2: Chef's choice: Taco nacho platter (OR) Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad

Wednesday, June 3: Field Day Lunch: all beef hotdog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Thursday, June 4: Chef's choice breakfast for lunch: Pancakes (OR) Whole grain waffles, warm blueberry dipping sauce, maple syrup, Jones low sodium sausage links, hashbrown patty

Friday, June 5: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/

honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, June 1: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked potato wedges, steamed carrots

Tuesday, June 2: Chef's choice: Taco nacho platter (OR) Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad

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OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, June 1: Huli huli chicken & macaroni salad

Tuesday, June 2: Shaved steak sub or meatball sub with French fries

Wednesday, June 3: Grilled cheese & tomato soup

Thursday, June 4: Assorted build a bowl

Friday, June 5: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

Franck. Sunday afternoon's (July 19) concert will begin with a Beethoven overture and end with a Beethoven Symphony. There will also be a Mozart French horn concerto performed by the legendary horn soloist James Thatcher. Start times for the evening concerts is 7:30 pm. The Sunday afternoon concert is at 2:00 pm. Please visit www.buzzardsbaymusicfest.com/ for more detailed information.

Elizabeth Taber Library Seeks Community Feedback

The Elizabeth Taber Library is completing a new strategic plan and wants to hear from community members. The Library's last strategic plan was completed in 2021 and largely responded to the needs of the community identified during COVID.

"Community feedback for our last strategic plan led directly to the library renovation project that was completed in 2025," said Library Director Elizabeth Sherry. "The feedback received on this survey will guide the library's programs, services, collections, and space through 2031."

The brief survey is available at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/survey and will be open through mid-May. Staff can also connect you with the survey in-person at the Library, located at 8 Spring St. in Marion.

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prefer to use other libraries in the Tri-Town, we'd love to hear from you as well," said Macy Kinney, children's librarian. "We serve the entire community and believe the Library can offer something for everyone. We want to know what would bring non-users into the Library."

The Elizabeth Taber Library has seen increased circulation, visitation, and program attendance since the completion of the Library's renovation project a year ago. Additionally, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has compiled data revealing that in times of economic hardship, Library attendance in the state of Massachusetts increases by 32.4% and circulation increases by 12.5%.

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8 Nintendo game system
11 Styled after
14 Funny Foxx
19 Law of motion topic
20 Behind bars
22 Fabric design
23 Execute the opening pool shot perfectly?
25 Iowa senator Joni
26 Mid-voyage
27 Inquire
28 Unable to find your pool stick?
30 Actor Caine
34 1950s-'60s Egyptian president
35 Puts spin on a pool ball with no further tricks?
42 Animal throat
44 Chicken —
45 River of Bern
46 "Cops" sound
47 Office scribe
49 Road furrow
50 Basie's music
53 Pool triangle packed in a suitcase?

- 56 Ultimatum end
58 Assist
60 Anticipates a treat, maybe
61 Stridex target
62 Some schlumpy physiques
66 Bits of land in the ocean, in French
67 Label anew
69 Toddler who's a whiz at pool?
72 Really heavy herbivore
76 Lackluster
78 Street in Manhattan's Alphabet City
80 Scandinavian thunder god
81 Having a trio of components
86 Alex and — (jewelry brand)
87 "Quickly" or "slowly," e.g.
89 Perimeter of a pool table that people have plopped down on?
92 Habituate (to)
94 Org. for cavity fillers

- 95 In spite of the fact that, in brief
96 Itty-bitty
98 Scoot's refusal
99 Ocask of the Cars
100 Put a tear in
101 Resume play after accidentally sinking the white pool ball?
106 "Othello" victim
109 Pool variety with 22 balls
110 Observe a hole in a pool table?
115 La mer filler
116 Love god
120 Jetson boy
121 Last shot of a pool game?
125 Be at a slant
126 Mass in the throat
127 Admiral Nelson
128 Liv of "Super"
129 Riddle-me —
130 Facial locale
131 Frightful flies

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- 1 Peru's largest city
2 Santa — (some winds)

- 3 Certain small pooch
4 Reveries
5 Zeta follower
6 [not my typo]
7 Desert region in Africa
8 Devitalize
9 Vacation stop
10 Long-range nuke carrier
11 Gets mature
12 Grasslands
13 Last name of singer Adele
14 Many PC pics
15 Alcove-hiding tapestry
16 Mixture baked in pies
17 Aetna offering
18 Kin of -ess
21 Grande of pop, for short
24 "Ozark" actor Morales
29 "Uh-uh"
31 "No bid"
32 Attacked as a cat might
33 The, to Jules
35 Hoopla
36 Info provider
37 Breadth
38 Not a one
39 "Despicable Me" antihero
40 Thigh locales

- 41 Actress Swenson
43 Pad thai pans
47 Cut, as ties
48 Reality shows, to some people
51 Not a one
52 Singer Barry
54 Similar
55 Baseballer Hodges
57 Guides, biblical-style
59 "A little dab'll —"
63 Mahmoud of Palestine
64 "seaQuest —" (sci-fi series)
65 Old Big Apple stadium
68 — -Roman
70 Decade
71 Lay waste to
73 "— Huckabees" (2004 film)
74 Swedish, say
75 Jerry of stage and screen
77 "The Simpsons" character once voiced by Hank Azaria
79 Ex-president Obama

- 81 Old autocrat
82 In a spiral-shaped way
83 1960s World War II series, with "The"
84 Ostrich kin
85 Arena level
88 John of plows
90 Ottawa loc.
91 Abbr. on a bad check
93 Not looked for
97 Cen. divisions
101 Tiny drink
102 Over the line
103 Central New York lake
104 Complain
105 Turkey's tallest peak
107 Breadth
108 More bashful
110 Ohio-to-Utah direction
111 Suffix with fungi
112 Large joint
113 Berlin article
114 General — chicken
117 Witty sayings
118 Steinbeck migrant
119 Old Olds cars
122 Large joint
123 Call for help
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An unexpected development could change the Arian's perspective on a potential investment. Keep an open mind. Ignore the double talk and act only on the facts.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A surge of support helps you keep your long-standing commitment to colleagues who rely on you for guidance. Ignore any attempts to get you to ease up on your efforts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family continues to be a dominant factor, but career matters also take on new importance. You might even be able to combine elements of the two in some surprising, productive way!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A realistic view of a workplace or personal situation helps you deal with it more constructively once you know where the truth lies. Meanwhile, reserve the weekend for someone special.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you LEOs or LEONas might be intrigued by the "sunny" prospects being touted for a potential investment, be careful that you don't allow the glare to blind you to its essential details.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend's problem brings out the VIRGO's nurturing nature in full force. However, don't go it alone. Allow others to pitch in and help share the responsibilities you've assumed.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business decision might need to be put off until a colleague's personal matter is resolved. Use this time to work on another business matter that you've been anxious to get to.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Relationships (personal or professional) might appear to be stalled because of details that keep cropping up and need tending to. Be patient. A path begins to clear by midweek.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A promotion could cause resentment among envious colleagues. But others recognize how hard you worked to earn it and will be there to support you if you need them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A delicate personal matter needs both your wisdom and your warmth. Expect some setbacks, but stay with it. The outcome will more than justify your efforts.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resist the temptation to cut corners just because time is short. It's best to move ahead step by step so you don't overlook anything that might later create time-wasting complications.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Use the good will that you recently earned with a well-received project to pitch your ideas for a new project. Expect some tough competition, though, from an unlikely source.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of family extends beyond your personal life to include others, to whom you generously extend your care and affection.

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national conversations, we're looking ahead to see how we can meet the needs of Marion and the Tri-Town in our next strategic plan," said Adult Services Librarian, Emily Newell.

For further information contact Library Director Elizabeth Sherry: esherry@sailsinc.org or 508-748-1252.

Ruta Sepetys to Speak in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library will welcome international bestselling author Ruta Sepetys for a special keynote event on Thursday, **June 11** at 6:00 pm at the historic Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

Sepetys, acclaimed author of *Salt to the Sea* and other internationally recognized works of historical fiction, will speak about her writing, research process, and her highly anticipated new novel, *A Fortune of Sand*.

To celebrate the occasion, the first 100 registered attendees will receive a free copy of *A Fortune of Sand*. Registration is not required to attend the event but is required to be eligible for a free book. Books will be distributed at the event while supplies last, and attendees must be present to receive a copy.

This special evening will take place at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, allowing the library to welcome a larger audience for what is expected to be a well-attended community event.

The program is free and open to all. Seating is first come, first served.

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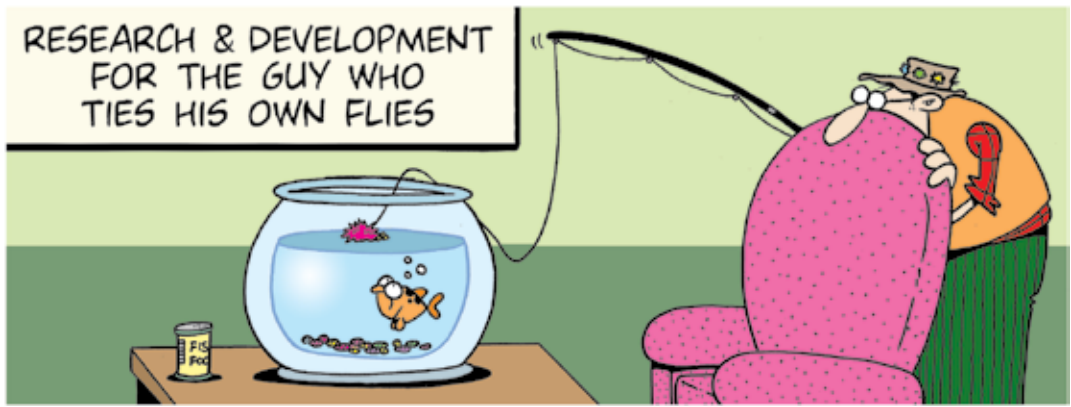
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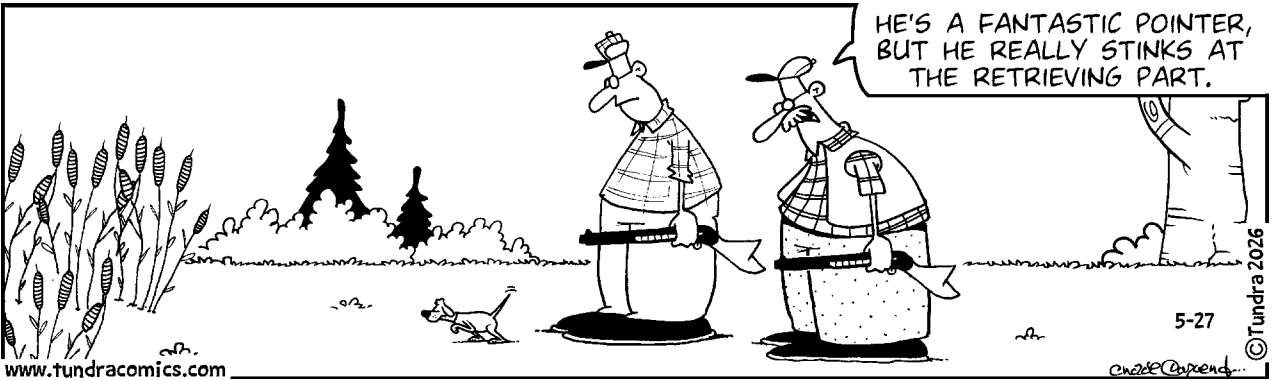
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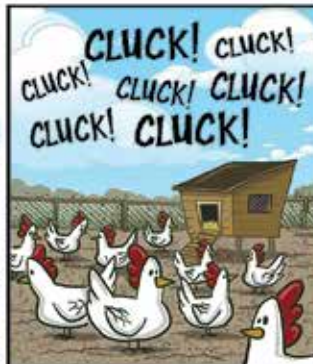
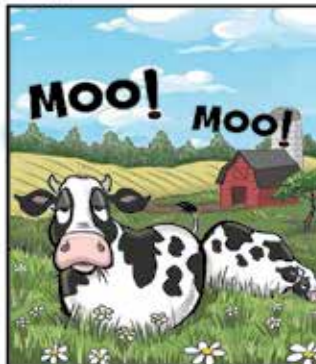


Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



For more information and to register, visit:
mattapoissettlibrary.org.

Mattapoissett Woman's Club Continuing Education Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is pleased to offer a continuing education scholarship of \$1500 to a Mattapoissett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of a postsecondary degree, certificate, or career advancing coursework. The application is available online at www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org. All applications must be postmarked by **May 31**. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fund-raising events including the Taste of the Town and the biennial garden tour to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. These scholarships are intended to support the club's belief in the importance of education and to demonstrate its grateful dedication to the community. Membership in the Mattapoissett Woman's Club is open to any woman who is interested in the objectives of the organization.

Tour de Crème Bike Ride

The Iconic Tour de Crème Bike Ride Returns for 2026. Clear your schedule and mark your calendars: on Sunday, **May 31**, the Tour de Crème bike ride returns for its 8th year. Cycle from Mattapoissett and surrounding towns stopping for a free scoop of ice cream at creameries all along the routes. Register and choose between 9, 25, and 47-mile rides. Afterwards, riders join the post-ride party at Munro Park in Mattapoissett for even more ice cream, food, live music, and cold beverages. This is not a race and riders of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate.

Registration will open March 15 for both riders and volunteers. To stay up to date follow The Tour de Crème Facebook page and visit tourdecreme.org to learn more.

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LEGAL NOTICES	LEGAL NOTICES	LEGAL NOTICES
TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Special Permit with Site Plan Review application filed by Walnut Plain Road Solar 1, LLC, 55 Technology Drive, Suite 102, Lowell, MA 01851, for the property located at 0 Walnut Plain Road identified on Assessor's Map 14, Lot 0001. The applicant is proposing the installation and operation of a ground mounted large scale photovoltaic solar array system and associated site work. The Property is located within the Residential-Agricultural (RE/AG) District. The property owner of land is BKK Holding, LLC, 12601 158th CT N, Jupiter, FL 33478. The applicant's representative is Beals and Thomas, 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86492420823 Meeting ID: 864 9242 0823 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 5/21, 5/28 TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Application for Transfer of All Alcohol, Off-Premises License Sri Vinayak Corporation, d/b/a Top of the Hill Liquors The Marion Select Board, acting as licensing authority, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, Marion, on the application of the Sri Vinayak Corporation, d/b/a Top of the Hill Liquors, for the transfer of an all-alcohol off premises license from ICJ Corp., d/b/a Top of the Hill Liquors, 311 Wareham Street, Marion. Randy L. Parker, Chair 5/21, 5/28 TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1237 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Stephen Cobb, for property located at 324 High St., identified on Assessor's Map 13, Lot 2, who is seeking a Variance from the side setback requirements for a new 20' x 20' shed pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. The public hearing will be on Thursday, June 11th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donal Spirlet, Chairman 5/21, 5/28 TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1236 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Jorge Rodriguez for property located at 12 Mayflower Ln, identified on Assessor's Map 21A, Lot 43, who is seeking a Special Permit for an	at home personal fitness training business, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section F.6., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. The public hearing will be on Thursday, June 11th, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donal Spirlet, Chairman 5/21, 5/28 TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #844 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 11, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Joshua M. and Nicole D'Ambrosio, for a Special Permit under section 230-5.1 of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of a new house with front yard setback of 29 feet. The property, located at 8 Crapo Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as lot 195. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 5/21, 5/28 TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Michael Christie for property located at 653 Walnut Plain Road, Map 15, Lot 4. The applicant is seeking permission to alter an area subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act and/or Bylaw. The proposed work was tree cutting. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84802653693 Meeting ID: 848 0265 3693 Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 5/28 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held upon the petition of EVERSOURCE to install 1 (one) new JO Pole # 131/5-5 in the Right of Way of Ocean View Avenue in Mattapoisett. This work is required to provide service to 14 – 16 Ocean View Avenue. The hearing will be held in the first floor Conference Room on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 6:45 pm. The Board meeting is also available via ZOOM. Sign on information is located on the Town website. Jodi L Bauer, Jorden C Collyer, Nicole Doyon Lynch, Judith M Mooney, Frances Feliz-Kearns 5/28, 6/4 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Raymond Hanks, 18 Crystal Spring Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The pro-	posed project is to remove invasive Knotweed and Bittersweet from southeast corner of property. The project is located at 18 Crystal Spring Road, and is further identified as Lot 81 on Assessor Map 18. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/28 TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also Available via Hybrid Meeting Option The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 15, 2026, at 7:05PM to consider the request of the Marion Art Center (MAC), for an application for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 230-9.1 of the Code of the Town of Marion for proposed additions to existing facility. The property is located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion, MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 15, Lot 77, zoned Residence B. The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road, Office of the Planning Board, or Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please email Doug Guey-Lee for the remote participation information: dgueylee@marionma.gov during normal business hours. Andrew Daniel, Chair Alanna Nelson, Vice Chair 5/28, 6/4 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by The Pratt Family Living Trust. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information. The Applicant proposes to perform beach nourishment and requests an after the fact authorization for various house and site improvements. The proposed work will be performed partially on a Coastal Beach and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones VE (El. 17 & 21) and the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Salt Marsh and Coastal Beach. The property is located on 11 Sea Marsh Way and is further identified as Lot #36 on Assessors Map #6. 5/28 Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com

different volunteer opportunities available. Fundraising is also encouraged for riders and non-riders alike. This fantastically fun event is a fundraiser for the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail who work to improve and expand hiking and biking trails throughout Mattapoisett.

38th MYC Spring Round The Bay Race

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Hosts Round The Bay Regatta on **June 6**, This is the first race in the Buzzards Bay Trophy, The Spring Round-the-Bay Race is a "pursuit start" PHRF Handicap race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes. The course begins and finishes outside of Mattapoisett Harbor. This is the first race in series of long-distance races sponsored by local yacht clubs to determine the overall winner of the 2026 Buzzards Bay Trophy. Scratch sheets will be available online. The entry fee is \$75.00 for both members and non-members.

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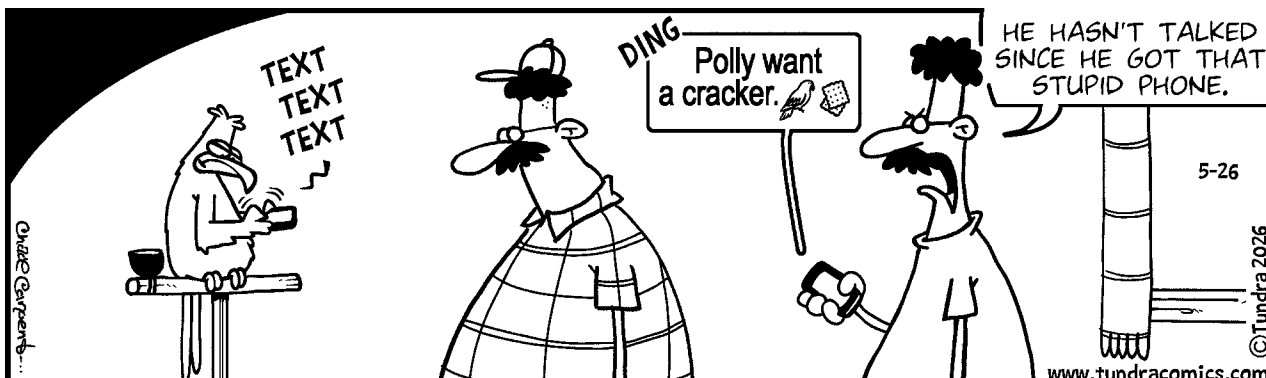
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The application form is available on the Mattapoissett Historical Commission website. Once completed it should be returned to: Mattapoissett Historical Commission, 16 Main St., Mattapoissett, MA 02739.

Please see the Mattapoissett Historical Commission website under [www. Mattapoissett.gov](http://www.Mattapoissett.gov) for further information.

Mattapoissett Library Reopens Seed Exchange

The Mattapoissett Library is excited to announce the return of our beloved Seed Library. As the days grow longer and the snow gradually melts away, it's a perfect time for local gardeners and nature enthusiasts to prepare for spring planting. Whether you're starting a new garden or expanding your collection, our Seed Library is restocked and ready for you.

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Call for Entries - Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years

The Marion Art Center announces a call for entries to its upcoming juried summer exhibition, Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years. As we mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we invite artists to engage deeply with what this milestone means now - through lenses of commemoration, critique, hope, and transformation. This exhibition seeks contemporary works that spark conversation, paired with historic artifacts or artworks on loan from private collections or institutions.

All visual media is eligible - painting, sculpture, mixed media, video, or new media. Works should reflect the artist's personal interpretation of the Declaration's legacy - its ideals, challenges, complexities, or contradictions. Submissions may or may not offer political or social commentary; entries may reflect personal, aesthetic, emotional, or conceptual interpretations.

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The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's

NOTICE, MATTAPOISETT RESIDENTS

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Water main flushing will be conducted from 5/26/2026 until 6/5/2026.

Flushing will begin 5/26/2026 at 7:30 pm until 3:00 am in the Acushnet Rd. and North Street areas.

The center of Town will be flushed on 5/27/26 between the hours of 7:30 pm until 3:00 am.

Flushing will continue through 6/5/26 during the daytime hours from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Discolored or red water may be expected along with periods of low water pressure in some areas.

Locations most likely to be affected are those south of Route 6 extending from Main Street. Other areas may be affected due to system hydraulics please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

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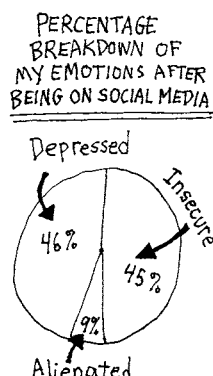
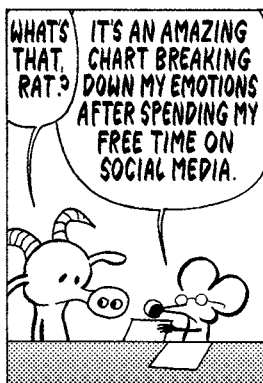
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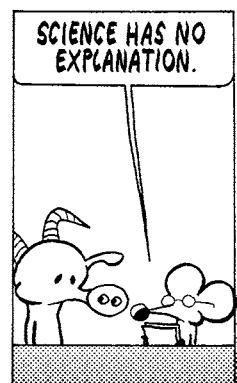
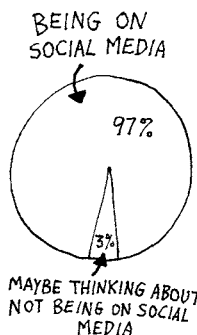
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steeple is lit nightly and is a beacon of welcome and comfort to all. The Beacon of Light was started as a way to celebrate and honor loved ones or special occasions. If you would like the steeple to be lit in remembrance of, in celebration of, or in honor of a loved one or blessed event, please call the church office at 508-758-2671 or email mattcongchurch@gmail.com for more information. We welcome and encourage multiple entries each month. This is a special way to celebrate our beautiful steeple, as a Beacon of Light in Mattapoisett, and to financially support our church. Thank you for your donation.

American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #28

All Southcoast Active Service Military, Reservists and Veterans are invited to join the monthly meetings of the American Legion: Florence Eastman Post #28.

(Serving the Tri-Town area of Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester and beyond).

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1900 (7:00 pm).

Florence Eastman Post is located at 3 Depot Street, Mattapoisett. Tri-Town Veterans Office: www.mattapoisett.net/tri-town-veterans-office.

Birthday Parties at the MAC

The Marion Art Center's Arts & Crafts instructor Aylin Cetik is offering birthday parties in the MAC Studio. Parties for ages 4 and up will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays, with 15 to 20 minutes reserved at the end of the party for a sweet treat. Available times are 10:00 am to 11:30 am or 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Suggested party themes include: mermaids, fairies, outer space, pirates, art and science, or custom. The cost is \$275 for up to ten guests and \$15 for each additional child with a maximum of 15 children. Add-on options include outdoor lawn games or other activities by request, for an additional fee. For more information and to inquire about dates, email aylincetik@gmail.com.

Marion Natural History Museum

Attention Pre-Schoolers and Home Schoolers, the Marion Natural History Museum is now open to the public on Friday mornings. The museum features collections of minerals, fossils, butterflies, birds of prey, and many other specimens. Appointments may



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be made for field trips. If you would like to schedule a time to come in and view these specimens as part of a lesson or just for fun, please contact the director for an appointment. We are open on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Fridays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Emergency Preparedness

This is the perfect time to think about and prepare for emergencies and disasters as Massachusetts faces a variety of hazards - weather-related or otherwise throughout the year.

If you feel that you would require assistance in an emergency, we would like to have a discussion with you so we can prepare a plan that will be ready to go when needed. If you rely on medical equipment at your residence that requires electricity. If you would require transportation to a shelter when such a need arises or live in a known flood zone. If you have a communication-related disability, we need to know the best way to communicate in an emergency state. If you take medications, we need a list.

If there is any other targeted assistance that you may need.

Please call the Council on Aging at 508-748-3570 so we can compile this information which will be reported to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). We want to be prepared.

We encourage residents and family members who may reside out of town to sign up for E-alerts from the Town of Marion (visit: marionma.gov/subscribe).

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Mckee, Kyle Mckee, Rebecca A	Beaulieu, Matthew H Straffin, Richard W Est	945 Walnut Plain Rd	Rochester	05/06/2026	630,000.00
Augustine, Evan T Belliveau, Jessica A	Barker, Tracey L TR Tracey, L Barker TA	12 Thistle Ln	Rochester	05/07/2026	785,000.00
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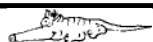
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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	May 28	6:45	7:08	12:41	12:04
Friday	May 29	7:29	7:49	1:13	12:39
Saturday	May 30	8:10	8:28	1:47	1:18
Sunday	May 31	8:49	9:05	2:26	2:00
Monday	June 1	9:28	9:42	3:07	2:43
Tuesday	June 2	10:06	10:18	3:46	3:27
Wednesday	June 3	10:45	10:56	4:24	4:08
Thursday	June 4	11:26	11:37	4:59	4:48
Friday	June 5		12:10	5:35	5:30
Saturday	June 6	12:21	12:56	6:12	6:17
Sunday	June 7	1:08	1:43	6:55	7:17
Monday	June 8	1:57	2:31	7:45	8:30
Tuesday	June 9	2:48	3:23	8:40	9:47
Wednesday	June 10	3:46	4:21	9:35	10:54
Thursday	June 11	4:50	5:22	10:31	11:52
Friday	June 12	5:53	6:22	11:25	
Saturday	June 13	6:53	7:18	12:46	12:18
Sunday	June 14	7:48	8:13	1:42	1:11
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon		May 31st	
		Last Quarter		June 8th	
		New Moon		June 15th	
		First Quarter		June 21st	



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the May 21, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 38

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Chime; 2. Insane
3. Deluxe; 4. Slice

Today's Word EXCUSES

Sudoku Answer

1	9	7	8	3	5	4	6	2
4	5	3	6	1	2	8	7	9
8	6	2	7	4	9	1	5	3
2	1	5	9	8	6	7	3	4
7	3	4	5	2	1	9	8	6
9	8	6	4	7	3	5	2	1
5	7	9	2	6	4	3	1	8
3	2	8	1	9	7	6	4	5
6	4	1	3	5	8	2	9	7

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